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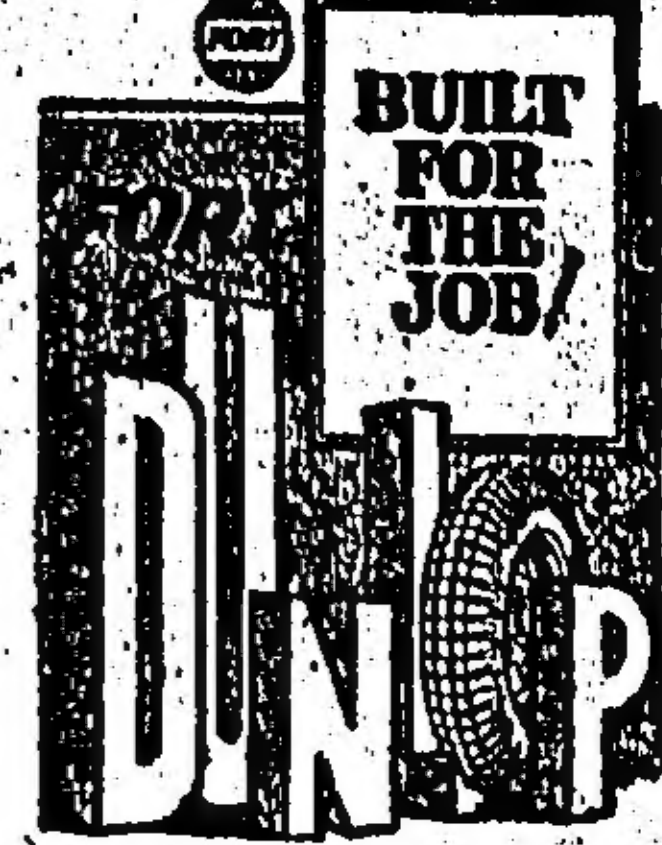
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## TEST CASE

ANTI-JAPANESE PROPAGANDA.

STIFF SENTENCES  
SCHOOL-MASTERS IMPRISONED.

(Kowloon Police Court).  
As a sequel to a raid made by Detective-Inspector Fallon at the Yauk Chi School in Nathan Road, two Chinese were brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser this morning.  
Chan Wun-cho, headmaster, and Lau Wing-sang, assistant master, were charged with having possession or control of certain writings calculated to persuade or induce persons from trading with, dealing with, or working for members of the Japanese community.  
Lai Shui, principal Chinese detective, gave evidence of finding a blackboard with certain writings inscribed on it. Several letters were discovered on a desk in the office on the ground floor. With one exception they had been printed on a duplicator. They were all in the nature of anti-Japanese propaganda. The writing on the blackboard was an extract from a newspaper and was for the pupils to translate into English. It exhorted the people to love their country, and the method of doing this was to be diligent at school and to exercise peaceful, and not violent movement. The writing was not completed.  
The Chinese detective returned later in the day and arrested first defendant. Second defendant admitted writing the characters on the board.  
The letters had been sent by

## INDIAN BUDGET INCREASES.

Artificial Silks Duty Doubled.  
VICEROY'S CUT.

Simla, Yesterday.  
The import duty on artificial silk has been doubled to forty per cent. Artificial silk yarn has been raised to fifteen per cent., and brown sugar to Rupees 7 1/4. A minimum duty of half an anna for lb. has been imposed on raw cotton.

Voluntary Cuts.  
A temporary surcharge of 25 per cent. on all existing taxes, except Customs export duties, was announced by Sir George Shuster, introducing the Budget yesterday in Simla.

Indian Army Reductions.  
He stated that the Viceroy had volunteered to cut 20 per cent. of his emoluments and members of his Council had sacrificed 15 per cent. India Army reductions next year amount to 4 1/2 crores of rupees.

Estimated Surplus.  
The Budget surplus for 1932-33 is estimated at 5 1/4 crores.—Reuter.

post and first defendant said that letters of a similar nature might be found in any school in the Colony. He further stated that he had left instructions with the servants to destroy any letters of that nature during his absence. He had destroyed many.

Both men were convicted under the Emergency Regulation of 1922. Mr. Callaghan, A.S.P. (K.) intimated that this was a test case and that there would probably be other cases during the next few weeks.

His Worship strongly condemned the offence and imposed six months' hard labour on first defendant and 12 months' hard labour on the second defendant.

## EARLY GENERAL ELECTION

"INEVITABLE" IS THE OPINION  
WIDELY HELD IN BRITAIN

CONSERVATIVES TO HAVE IT OWN WAY?

LABOUR PARTY DISCLOSES ITS ELECTION PROGRAMME AND POLICY.

URGES PUBLIC CONTROL COUNTRY'S FINANCES

London, Yesterday.  
"In the great high latitudes of politics all is fluid, elastic, mutable," declared Lord Morley in his "Recollections." He must have visualised the very position, now confronting Great Britain.

Until Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's week-end statement that he would not sponsor any party programme, most people believed he was ready to appeal to the country and secure a victory for tariff supporters. Since then there has been a frantic search for a formula to maintain the unity of the National Government without too badly damaging old party shibboleths. No formula has yet been found, though the Cabinet sat for an hour and a half last night; and it is unlikely that Mr. MacDonald will be able to fulfil his promise to Mr. Henderson by telling the House of Commons to-day when the present session of Parliament will end.

Apparently the Cabinet discussions revealed a situation so strongly in favour of an early

Election that Liberal Ministers found it necessary immediately after the night's Cabinet meeting to examine their own position in greater detail, and they are now reconciled to the fact that an Election is inevitable.

The Daily Herald proclaims that an early General Election is "now certain."

"The Morning Post declares that Mr. MacDonald's most deadly enemy is delay and the country's greatest handicap is suspense."

The Times urges Mr. MacDonald that "if he will only take the lead there is little doubt that a united and very wide front will form itself behind him."—Reuter.

Whilst the Election decision awaits the Cabinet meeting to be held to-morrow, the belief in the inevitability of an Election is widespread. The question seems to be, whether it will be an Election on the agreed lines already indicated, or whether Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will

stand aside and leave the Conservatives to recommend to His Majesty the King such procedure as they think fit. A third course, favoured in a few quarters, is that Government should remain in office after the termination of the session to deal with the situation under the existing powers.

Labour's Election policy is outlined in a series of resolutions approved by the National Executive for submission to the Annual Conference of the Labour Party at Scarborough next week.

These resolutions oppose tariffs; condemn any fresh attempt to force sterling back to a gold standard; pledge the Party to reverse Government's unemployment policy; urge public control of the whole of the financial system of the country, including the Bank of England; Nationalisation of the mining industry and public monopolies; and an advanced programme for disarmament and other peace measures.

## SHARE MARKET RECOVERING.

Slight Advance in Some Instances.

FEATURES TO-DAY.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The market seems to be slowly recovering from the Settlement, and in some instances a slight advance may be noted.

Banks were in demand at \$1.610. Unions were dealt in at \$425. China Underwriters were on offer at \$5.75.

Hong Kong Fires could have been obtained at \$1.485.

Steamboats were on offer at \$27. Wharves were in demand at \$150.

Providents, which were done at \$5.85 and \$5.90, were on offer at the close at the latter quotation.

Hotels (old) were reported sales at \$15.

Realities could have been obtained at \$15.60.

Ewes were done at Taels 16.15 and Taels 16.20 and sales were made to Shanghai at Taels 16.70, and at the close there were buyers at Taels 16.35.

Star Ferries, after sales at \$94 1/2, were on offer at \$95.

China Lights changed hands at \$28.20, and there were buyers at the close at \$28.

Electricies were on offer at \$80.

Telephones (fully paid) were in request at \$43 1/2, and the part paid shares, which changed hands at \$30, closed with buyers at this rate.

Cements (combined) were on offer at \$18 1/2. The old shares could have been obtained at \$18 1/2, and the new shares at \$6 1/2.

Ropes closed in demand at \$16.

Dairy Farms were in the market at \$32.

Constructions, cum rights, were on offer at \$10, and the same applies to the rights, at \$2.

## CABINET MEETING

NINETY MINUTES' CONFERENCE.

NO DECISION

PREMIER RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE.

London, Yesterday.

After the King had received in audience Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the afternoon, the Cabinet sat for ninety minutes and then adjourned until to-morrow "without reaching a decision."

Economy Bill.

The House of Commons dealt to-day with the third reading of the Economy Bill. It defeated by 297 votes to 242 a Labour motion for rejection.—Reuter.

END OF NAUTILUS.

To Be Sunk in Deepest Part of North Sea.

Washington, Yesterday.  
The United States Shipping Board has given permission to Sir Hubert Wilkins to sink the Nautilus in the deepest part of the North Sea off the coast of Norway.—Reuter.

"RED" TROOP TRAIN WRECKED.

Riga, Yesterday.  
According to "Red" troopers from Russia, two "Red" army troop trains, participating in manoeuvres in the Leningrad district, were recently wrecked by explosions. There were many fatalities.—Reuter.

## AIR SPEED RECORD BROKEN

STAINFORTH FLIES OVER COURSE AT 408.8 M.P.H.

DEVELOPING TIME FILMS

36B SEAPLANE USED FOR THE FLIGHT.

London, Yesterday.  
The official record of Flight-Lieut. Stainforth's speed at Calshot is 408.8 miles an hour.

His machine was fitted with a special Rolls Royce "Sprint" engine with an extra 300 horse power, making a total of 2,600 H.P.

The designer gave the engine exactly one hour of life. It was, therefore, impossible to make trial runs.

Earlier Cable.

A fresh world's flying speed record is believed to have been made by Flight-Lieut. Stainforth when flying 36B seaplane fitted with a special Sprint engine at Calshot this evening. He completed five rounds of the course at a terrific speed, and the opinion is held that he has broken

the record, but official times are not yet available, pending the development of the timing films.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Flight-Lieutenant Stainforth's attempt to improve upon his own world speed record of 379 miles an hour, will now be made as soon as weather conditions have permitted a test flight. A new, specially tuned up Rolls-Royce engine, which is expected to develop 2,600 horsepower, has been installed in the Supermarine machine which Flight-Lieutenant Boothman used for his Schneider Trophy record, and a suitable air screw has now been fitted.

Bad visibility near Calshot during the last few days has, however, made a flight at record speeds inadvisable. — British Wireless Service.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND MANCHURIA.

Final Sitting of Council To-day.

Geneva, Yesterday.  
The Council of the League of Nations will probably hold a final sitting to-morrow in order to dispose of the Sino-Japanese

dispute in regard to Manchuria. Senior Lerroux to-day recapitulated the steps taken in connection with the Sino-Japanese conflict, and declared that the Council would continue its efforts for a peaceful settlement of the difficulties.

The President of the Assembly expressed the Assembly's conviction that the Council's efforts would produce fruitful results.—Reuter.

## JUVENILE COURTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUS.

LONG OVERDUE

POLICE GYMNASIUM SUGGESTED.

A report has been published on measures required for the institution of Juvenile Courts.

It is stated therein:—

Our investigations have resulted in the unanimous opinion that Juvenile Courts together with the attendant institutions and officers necessary to enable them to function fully and satisfactorily are long overdue.

Our interim report, urging the early introduction of the necessary legislation was forwarded to you together with a draft Bill based on the model Bill on April 29 last. The draft Bill is adapted to local needs and has the same main source as the model Bill, namely the Children's Act 1908, but it incorporates certain British legislation, notably, Section 2 of the Probation of Offenders Act 1907, Section 7 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925, and Section 105 and 114 of the Children's Act 1908, which had not been adopted by the draftsmen of the model Bill. After careful deliberation we considered the addition of these clauses to be necessary and adopted them accordingly.

A Repugnant Atmosphere.  
The new legislation calls for separate Courts for juveniles. There are no such Courts in the Colony at present and funds are clearly not available to build new

Courts at the present time. It is in our opinion essential that the Police Courts should not be used for the trial of juvenile offenders as the whole atmosphere of such Courts is repugnant to modern ideas of dealing with young delinquents. We therefore advocate the use of the police gymnasium at Police Headquarters as a suitable Court for juvenile offenders in Victoria if adequately fitted up. A portion of the gymnasium or the adjoining changing room could be adapted at small cost as a Probation Officers' room. We also recommend the division of the present large detention room for detainees in the block of police offices into two parts with separate entrances so that a detention room away from the police cells may be provided for juvenile offenders who cannot be sent at once to the Remand Home.

This room is in the same building as the gymnasium and therefore easily accessible. The Magistrate's room at the Kowloon Police Court would make a suitable Juvenile Court for Kowloon. A detention room for juveniles (males only) in Kowloon should be set apart at Yau-mat Police Station where young offenders may be detained overnight in the event of their being a sitting of the Juvenile Court on the following day. In all other cases the offenders should go to the Remand Home.

All female juvenile offenders should be sent as at present to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs who will be responsible for their custody and make such arrangements for holding them as appear to him advisable. Special reference to the custody of female juvenile offenders appears in a later paragraph.

In this connection we recommend that all places in which juvenile offenders are detained either before or after trial should be inspected at regular intervals by visiting Justices appointed for the purpose.

Sittings of Courts.  
We consider that the number of delinquents, male and female, does

not call for daily sittings of the Juvenile Courts, which should be held three times a week in Hong Kong and twice a week in Kowloon. The sittings should be arranged for the afternoon for the convenience of both the regular Magistrates and the Justices of the Peace. It is tentatively suggested that Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays be allotted for sittings of the Hong Kong (Victoria) Court and Tuesdays and Thursdays for the Kowloon Court. The New Territories Courts will sit as required.

With reference to the New Territories, it is considered that the District Officers should be fully capable of dealing with the few cases which are likely to come to their notice in their own Courts which are less formidable in appearance than the City Courts.

We recommend that the Stipendiary Magistrates in Hong Kong and Kowloon assisted by two Justices of the Peace, one of whom may be a woman, should constitute the Court to try juvenile cases. Our recommendation involves the appointment of women Justices of the Peace, which appointments will of course necessitate a departure from the existing practice of appointing males only as Justices of the Peace and is a matter for the Government. But we respectfully submit that such departure is in accordance with the modern tendency towards the removal of sex disqualification, and that it is highly desirable in the interests of juveniles.

Police.  
In the handling of young offenders the police play a prominent part; we have therefore the following recommendation to make. Firstly we consider that special police officers should be detailed to handle delinquent and vagrant children and young girls before they actually come before the Juvenile Courts. After the arrest of the offender it will be necessary for police officers to collect for the information of the Court such data as may be available as

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## DEMONSTRATION BY UNEMPLOYEDS

ATTEMPT MADE TO RUSH THE HOUSE OF LORDS

CONFLICT WITH POLICE

PETITION AGAINST DOLE CUTS.

London, Yesterday.  
Ugly scenes, culminating in frequent mounted police baton charges, and the wild rush of a thousand men to enter the House of Lords accompanied the presentation of the Unemployed's Petition, bearing 200,000 names to the House of Commons protesting against dole cuts, to-night. A number of men and women attempted to drag the police from their horses and ten were arrested and removed from Parliament Square after the greatest difficulty through the most hostile crowds. Some hours elapsed before the streets were cleared and traffic resumed.—Reuter.

## ITALY TO CONTROL EXCHANGE OPERATIONS.

Rome, Yesterday.  
A decree will be published to-morrow authorising the Finance Minister to control exchange operations.—Reuter.

## FRENCH MINISTERS BACK IN PARIS.

Paris, Yesterday.  
M. Laval and M. Briand have returned from Berlin.—Reuter.

FINE LATER.

The Royal Observatory's report issued at 10.50 a.m. to-day says:—

The anti-cyclone is central to the West of Shanghai, and is spreading Eastward.

The depression North of the Paracels is filling up.

Pressure is low to the East of the Vassayas.

Local Forecast:—N. winds, moderate; overcast with rain at first, fine later.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.04 inch. Total since January 1—73.84 inches against an average of 76.59 inches—deficit 2.25 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

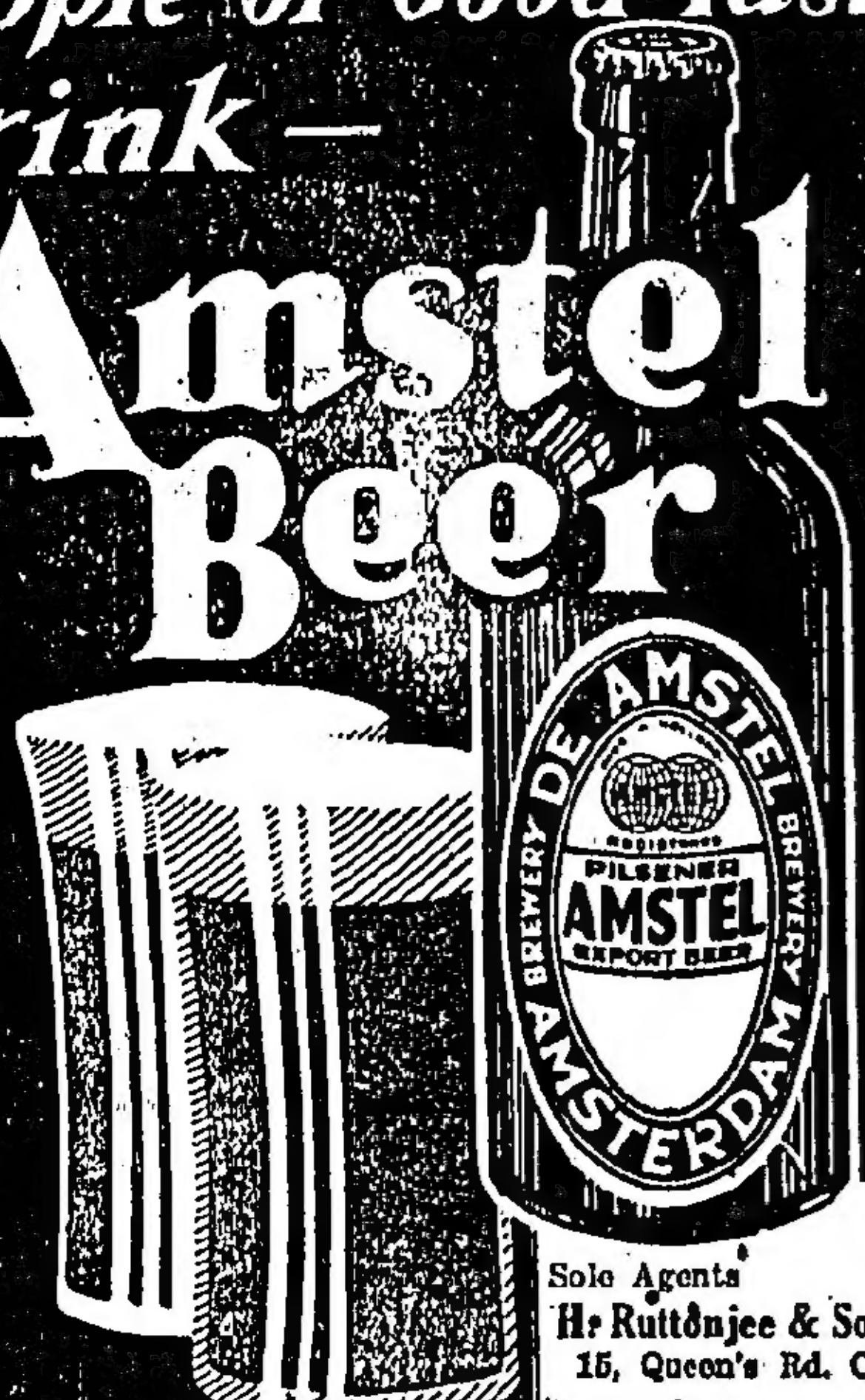
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Manila	77
Foochow	73
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Shanghai	59







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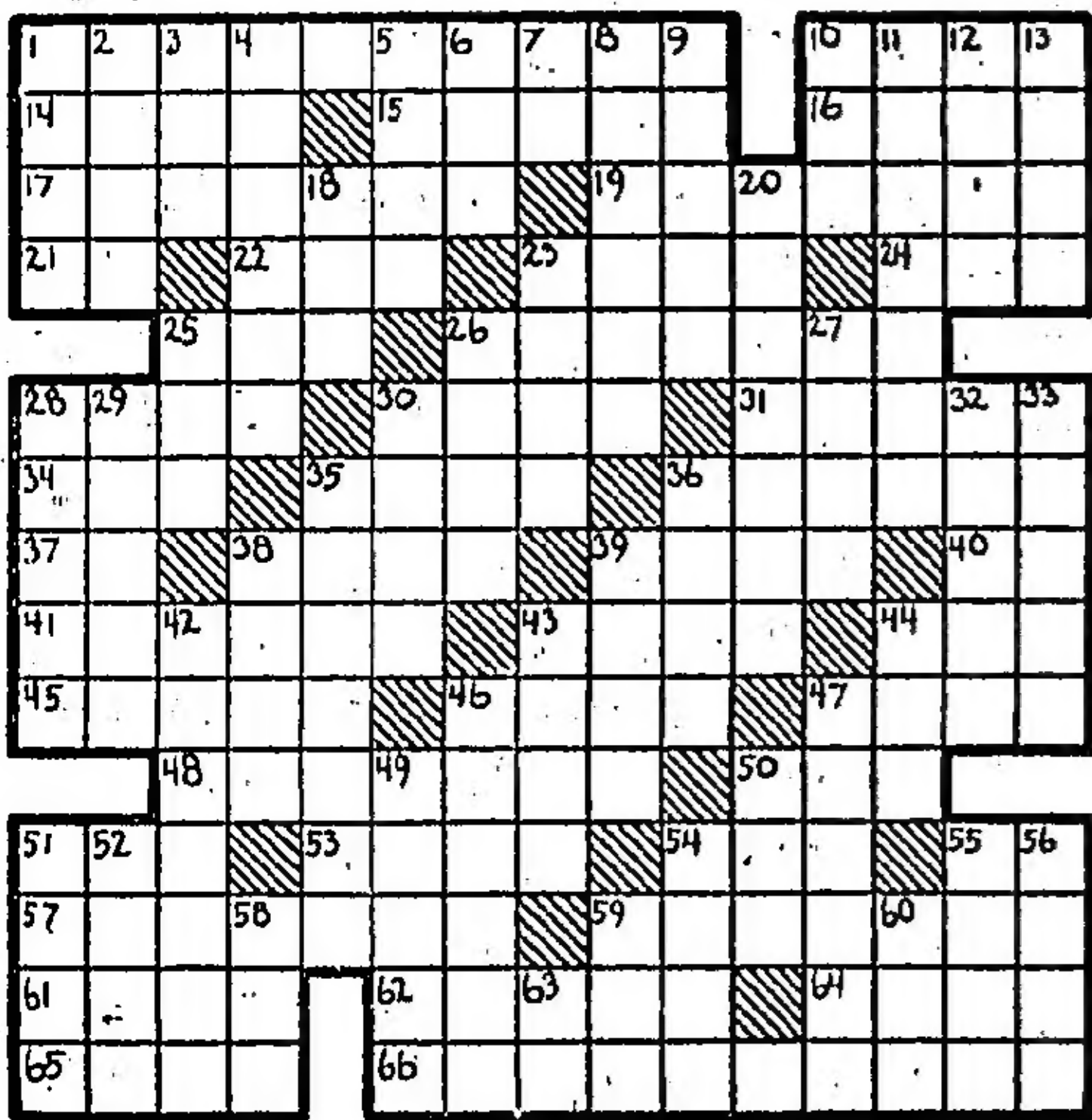


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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| <p><b>HORIZONTAL</b></p> <p>1-Pleasant<br/>10-Greek god of love<br/>14-Choice<br/>15-A town in S. W. New York<br/>16-Elevation<br/>17-Avoiding society<br/>19-Spire<br/>21-Pronoun<br/>22-Measure of weight<br/>23-Stock of plant<br/>24-An age<br/>25-Title of respect (abbr.)<br/>26-A spring fabled for giving poetic inspiration<br/>28-Ruminant with antlers<br/>30-Mate (lang. U. S.)<br/>31-Necessarily<br/>34-Moved swiftly<br/>35-Inhabitant of Poland<br/>36-Lost to view<br/>37-Pronoun<br/>38-Promontory (abbr.)<br/>39-A very small horse<br/>40-Noble wall (Latin, abbr.)<br/>41-A thin layer of wood on a commoner surface<br/>43-A condiment<br/>44-A church official (abbr.)<br/>45-Masculine name<br/>46-E. central State of U. S.</p> | <p><b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b></p> <p>47-The limits of a sentry's boat<br/>48-Having no end<br/>49-A beverage<br/>51-Ungiven<br/>52-Residue<br/>54-Prefix. Through<br/>55-Aurum (abbr.)<br/>57-Told<br/>59-A fruit (pl.)<br/>61-A class of birds<br/>62-Ventured<br/>64-Hair on horses' neck<br/>65-To speak timidly<br/>66-Treated as a tone by synecdoche (Mus.)</p> <p><b>VERTICAL</b></p> <p>1-Weight measure<br/>2-Comfort<br/>3-Prefix. Before<br/>4-One who reads lessons in a church<br/>5-A soft sheepskin<br/>6-Leather<br/>7-Exist<br/>8-Endured<br/>9-Penetrated<br/>10-Before<br/>11-Matured<br/>12-New name for Christiania</p> | <p><b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b></p> <p>13-Observed<br/>18-An atom bearing an electric charge<br/>20-Famous<br/>23-An aged person<br/>25-Lair<br/>26-Part of the hand<br/>27-The nest of an eagle<br/>28-Impel<br/>29-Consumed<br/>30-Indignant<br/>32-Sand-hills<br/>33-A Jewish month<br/>35-Gift<br/>36-Game played on horse-back<br/>38-A fuel<br/>39-A vessel<br/>42-Sewing implement (pl.)<br/>43-A fish<br/>44-Female deer<br/>46-Some indefinite day<br/>47-Viscous material of a cell<br/>49-Tall grass stems<br/>50-Goal<br/>51-Vocal<br/>52-A goddess (Sansk.)<br/>54-One of the faces of a pedestal<br/>55-Feminine game<br/>56-Employed<br/>58-Poisonous snake<br/>59-A month (abbr.)<br/>60-A grain<br/>63-Royal Navy (abbr.)</p> |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## RADIO

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.  
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor and H.M.V. Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Moutrie & Co.  
7.03-8 p.m.—Variety.  
Orchestral—  
There's No Other Girl.  
I'm All Dressed Up With a Broken Heart.  
Manolo Castro & His Havana Yacht Club Orchestra (22768).

Song—  
Black Eyes,  
Farewell, My Gypsy Camp,  
Pola Negri, Mezzo-Soprano (V-73).

Orchestral—  
Makin' Faces at the Man in the Moon.  
Hikin' Down the Highway.  
Rudy Vallee & His Connecticut Yankees (22751).

Song—  
Travellin' Blues,  
I'm Lonesome Too,  
Jimmie Rodgers (23564).

Orchestral—  
The First Girl I Met,  
Bert Lown and His Hotel Biltmore Orchestra.

Orchestral—  
When the Clock is Striking Twelve,  
The Troubadours (22754).

Organ Solo—  
Maria My Own,  
Siboney... Jesse Crawford (22748).

Band—  
Heebie Jeebies,  
Minnie, the Moocher,  
Millie Blue Rhythm Band (22763).

Vocal Duo—  
Southern Moon,  
Silvery Arizona Moon,  
Bud Billings and Carson Robinson (22753).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.05-8.50 p.m.—Operatic.  
Carmen—Selection (Blzet),  
Gretore and His Band (35841-2).

Mignon—Overture (Thomas),  
Chicago Symphony Orchestra (6550).

La Boheme—Fantasia (Puccini),  
Victor Symphony Orchestra (35781).

Madame Butterfly—Fantasia (Puccini),  
Victor Symphony Orchestra (35780).

8.50-9.38 p.m.—A Concert.  
Piano Solo—  
Die Fledermaus—Paraphrase (The Bat) (Strauss-Godowsky),  
Benno Moisewitsch (7257).

Song—  
When I Was Seventeen (Lilliebjorn),  
The Wren (Rooster-Benedict),  
Marion Talley (Soprano) (1156).

Violin Solo—  
A Dream (Cory-Bartlett),  
Macushla (Rowe-MacMurrrough arr. Chemet),  
Renee Chemet (1442).

Piano Solo—  
Chair De Lune (Moonlight) (Debussy),  
Novellette in D (Schumann),  
Harold Bauer (7122).

Song—  
Star of the East (Loth),  
The Garden of Allah (Marshall),  
Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone (C1889).

Violin Solo—  
Caprice Viennois (Kreutzer),  
Humoresque (Dvorak-Kreutzer),  
Fritz Kreisler (6092).

9.38-10.28 p.m.—  
Concerto in D Major (Beethoven Op. 61),  
Fritz Kreisler & the State Opera Orchestra (Berlin) (M-18).

1st Movt.—Allegro ma non troppo.  
2nd Movt.—Larghetto.  
3rd Movt.—Rondo Allegro.  
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

N.B.—Commencing on Thursday, October 1, European Programmes will begin at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Winter months.

Mrs. Home C. Philley, wife of a Vancouver accountant, has given birth to Vancouver's first quadruplets — all girls. Three of them have died.

## ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

## Reviews from Official Sources.

## "FORBIDDEN ADVENTURE."

If your neighbour suddenly fell heir to unexpected millions, would she "ritz" you?

That's not a world problem in economics, but it is the question which is raised and expanded to the accompaniment of scores of laughs, in "Forbidden Adventure," the comedy which is now showing at the King's Theatre.

Edna May Oliver, as Bessie Tait in "Forbidden Adventure," provides the answer to the question.

As an owner of tumble-down way side gasoline station who takes in laundry on the side, she learns that her old-time rival in the laundering business, Louise Fazenda, as Maggie Tiffany, has gained a quick fortune by taking her little son, Jackie Searl, to Hollywood and pushing him forward until he has become the "boy king of the movies."

The snobbery evidenced by Louise when she pays Edna May a call persuades the latter to go out and make a fortune for herself. She does it by the same method as her rival, exploiting her little daughter, Mitzi Green, until Mitzi becomes "the child queen of the movies."

"Forbidden Adventure" is based upon the humorous books, "Let's Play King," Sinclair Lewis' latest work since he won the \$30,000 Nobel Prize as the foremost in the world in 1930.

A cast of capable actors, including a score of Hollywood's cleverest kid actors, supports the featured players.

## "THE DEVIL TO PAY."

Loretta Young, who has the leading feminine role with Ronald Colman in his new starring picture, "The Devil To Pay," which is now at the Queen's Theatre, was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 6, 1913. When she was four years old her parents moved to Hollywood where she appeared as a child actress—her first screen role, in support of Fanny Ward. There followed a series of child parts until she was seven, when she enrolled at Ramona Convent in Los Angeles.

Le Roy, knowing of her sister's resemblance, asked Loretta to come to the studio in Polly Ann's stead. When Loretta, then known as Gretchen arrived on the set, officials were so convinced of her screen possibilities that she was offered a First National contract.

In "The Devil To Pay," she plays the part of the wealthiest heiress in Britain, betrothed by her aspiring father to a penniless Grand Duke. What is more to the point Ronald Colman as Willie Leeland a prodigal son type, falls in love with her at sight, which to many would not require any great effort.

## "MURDER BY THE CLOCK."

Creeps and shivers are in store for those who see and hear "Murder by the Clock," Paramount's mystery-thriller booked as the feature at the King's Theatre to-morrow.

This story, based on the mystery novel of the same by Rufus B. Lewis, tells the story of the unhappy marriage of a young man who is murdered twice in a single evening. Several hours after he is found dead in his home he is alive again, due to the reviving effects of adrenalin treatments given by the family doctor. Some minutes after he has regained life—and just as he is about to tell who killed him, he is slain for the second and final time. The web of events woven

## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments  
To-day—King's Theatre:  
"Forbidden Adventure."  
To-day—Queen's Theatre:  
"The Devil to Pay."  
To-day—Central Theatre:  
"Dracula."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre:  
"Stolen Heaven."  
To-day—Star Theatre:  
"The Girl Said No."  
Home Malls.

Friday—Outward for Europe via Suez (Hakusan Maru), 6 p.m.

Meetings.  
To-day—Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., Queen's Theatre, noon.  
October 8—Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Jardine, Matheson Co.'s Board Room, 5.15 p.m.  
October 9—Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 2 Lower Albert Road, 10.45 a.m.

## HOTEL GUESTS

## AT HONG KONG HOTEL.

September 28, 1931.  
Mrs. C. M. De Abadie.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bergher.  
Mrs. G. C. Botsford, W. T. Barrett.  
Mrs. Cheng, Mr. and Mrs. Chen Fen, J. Carbounder, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Carmova, C. Y. Chan.  
J. H. Denham.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Fellshman.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Gray.  
R. Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Godet.  
Miss H. B. Howie.  
Mr. Ling.  
G. C. Murray.  
C. Nopper.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Penhallow, C. W. Post.  
J. F. Rhame, Miss P. Ranola.  
Miss S. Ranola, Ed. M. Rossiter.  
P. Smith, Miss A. M. Shepard.  
Mrs. A. H. Tripler.  
Mrs. B. Villanor.

## SOUTH SEAS ROMANCE.

## \$500,000 Inherited by Samoa Resident.

Wellington, August 31.  
The romantic story of how he has unexpectedly become a millionaire is told by an old Samoa resident, Mr. Wellesley Foster, while at work on building a church at Funaguti.

Mr. Foster, who is the son of a former American Consul at Tahiti, has inherited a fortune of \$2,500,000 (\$500,000) in Florida from a man who stood as god-father to him fifty-nine years ago. He is now the richest man in Samoa, where he intends to remain. At present he is negotiating for the purchase of a property at the village of Vaillima, made famous through its associations with Robert Louis Stevenson.

around this spine-tingling double demise forms an hour's entertainment that holds audiences frozen with intense interest.

## "SINNERS' HOLIDAY."

With a cast headed by Grant Withers and Evelyn Knapp "Sinners' Holiday," a Warner Brothers Vitaphone melodrama with comedy, opens at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.

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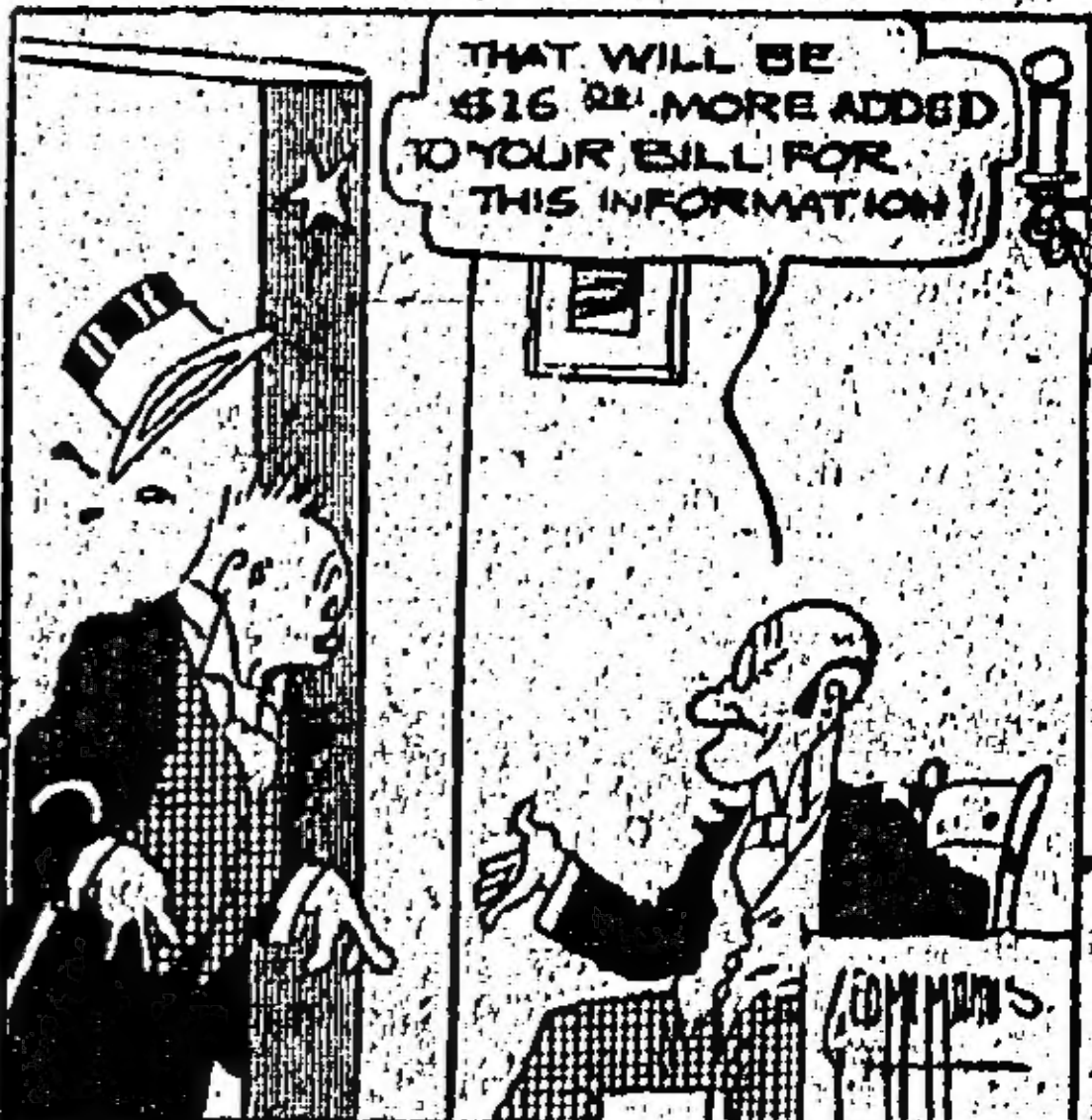
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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### ACCRINGTON WIN AT HOME.

Crewe Concede Two Goals.

#### THIRD DIVISION NORTH.

London, Yesterday.  
The following was the result of the only League match played to-day:—

Third Division (North).  
Accrington 2 Crewe A. 0  
—Reuter—  
Table to Date.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lincoln C.	8	7	0	1	23	10	14
Southport	9	6	1	2	15	10	13
Gateshead	8	5	1	2	21	9	11
Tranmere R.	8	5	0	3	24	8	10
Hull C.	8	5	0	3	10	9	10
Crewe A.	8	5	0	3	15	11	10
Barrow	8	5	0	3	13	11	10
York C.	8	5	0	3	13	10	10
Hartlepool	9	4	2	3	17	22	10
Accrington S.	8	4	1	3	18	21	9
Wrexham	8	3	3	2	15	12	9
Halifax	8	4	1	3	9	7	9
Darlington	8	3	1	4	16	14	8
Chester	8	2	4	2	15	13	8
Doncaster R.	8	3	1	4	14	20	7
Carlisle U.	8	2	2	4	17	18	6
Reeddale	8	2	2	4	9	19	6
Rotherham	8	2	1	5	16	18	5
Walsley	8	2	1	5	11	16	5
Stockport	8	1	2	5	6	9	4
Wigan Boro'	8	1	1	6	7	22	3
N. Brighton	8	0	1	7	4	21	1

### RECREIO HOCKEY ELEVEN.

Play Against Y.M.C.A. To-morrow.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio against the Y.M.C.A. to-morrow at King's Park Ground at 5.15 sharp.

F. A. Xavier; A. A. dos Remedios, D. C. Alves; H. Noronha, D. F. Lopes, F. V. Ribeiro (Capt.); C. d'Almada e Castro, H. A. Alves, C. Roza Pereira, J. Figueiredo, and J. A. de V. Soares.

#### Y.M.C.A. Eleven.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. second eleven against the Recreio second eleven at King's Park to-morrow:—

L. Skinner; W. Stoker, L. Tipler; G. Mitchell, R. A. Bates (captain), S. Sweet; J. M. Wilson, J. Parker, W. H. Smith, F. T. Selk, and H. Muller.

### HONG KONG HOCKEY CLUB TEAM.

Playing the Argylls at King's Park.

A hockey match has been arranged to be played to-day between the Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders on the Club ground at King's Park at 5.20 p.m.

The following will play for the Club: G. Duncan; J. Rodger and A. R. Botelho; W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand and J. E. Noronha; H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, J. L. Tetley and T. J. Price.

### VOLUNTEER CRICKET COMMENCES.

First Match Against the Kowloon C.C.

The following will represent the Volunteers against the Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly cricket match at the K.C.C. on Sunday at noon:—

E. J. B. Mitchell, H. Owen Hughes, A. Reid, J. F. Whitham, R. H. Griffiths, G. E. R. Divett, H. F. Green, H. R. Davies, K. H. Batger, W. H. G. Goater, and A. C. Beck.

### LOCAL FOOTBALL SENSATION.

Chinese Clubs Resign from League.

#### H.K.F.A. ACTION.

The official opening of the football season on Saturday last was postponed on account of the existing conditions, and now the postponement to this coming Saturday looks like being robbed of a number of matches owing to the sensational withdrawal of all Chinese Clubs from the League.

Mr. W. E. Hollands, the H.K.F.A. Secretary, has received communications from the South China Athletic Association, the Chinese Athletic Association, the Eastern A.A., the Ewo A.A., and the Tsung Tsin F.A. announcing their decisions to withdraw their teams from the respective Divisions of the League.

Although no official explanation has yet been given for this development it is thought that the Chinese Clubs have resigned owing to the attitude adopted by the Football Association with regard to the proposed match between the visiting Malayan Chinese eleven and a Services XI, which should have been played yesterday.

When it was announced that the Services team were not turning out and that a return match against the Hong Kong Chinese was being staged as a substituted attraction, it was thought that this action was due to the military and naval units being required in the case of an emergency. This, however, proved to be wrong. The Football Association had not given its permission for the match to be played and the Services eleven declined to take the field. Hence the discord.

### HONG KONG CHINESE DEFEATED.

Weak Side Loses to Malayan Chinese.

#### POOR CONDITIONS.

Under poor conditions at Caroline Hill yesterday the Malayan Chinese defeated a much altered Hong Kong Chinese eleven by three goals to one. The ground was very wet and huge pools of water called for perfect ball control and in this department the visitors showed a definite superiority.

Fook Loong gave the visitors an early lead when he beat Li Hing-ching from close range. The local team, however, crumpled on pressure and were on level terms at the interval as the result of Suen finding the net.

The visitors took the lead in the second half when Guan Lan scored from a penalty kick and Soon Teck added Malaya's third goal to complete the scoring in a game which was witnessed by a small crowd and which was spoiled by the weather conditions.

Result:—  
Hong Kong Chinese 1  
Malayan Chinese 3

The teams lined up as follows:—  
Hong Kong:—Li Hing-ching; Mak Kwok-tung and Leung Yui-chui; Lai Kwok-chui, Chan Chuen-yu and Tong Kwan; Ng Po-kui, Lee Yee-shun, Lee Wai-long, Suen Kam-shun and Kam Pak-siu.

Malaya:—Kam Loong; Guan Lan and Gek Soo; Boon Lay, John Then and Ah Hui; Soon Teck, Fook Loong, Eng Guan, Kok Ying and Mee Onn.  
Referee: Mr. Au Kit-sang.

### ENTRIES FOR MACAO RACES.

Newly Formed Club's First Extra Meeting.

#### SUNDAY'S EVENTS.

The first extra race meeting of the Macao Jockey Club is to be held on Sunday. The entries and handicaps are as follows:—

Limchowfu Handicap "D1" Class (six furlongs):—Groombridge (145 lb.), Thunderous Stag (155), As You Like It (142), Sunloch (152), Mascot (152), Glorious Stag (155), Twilight (140), Country Club (149), Sunning (145).

Kochowfu Handicap "D2" Class (six furlongs):—Sonny Boy (158 lb.), Vadio (140), Movanager (145), Tigre (155), Flornotta (150), Choctow II. (151), Celerity (157), Silver Flare (140), Jester (145), Sultry Eye (140), Fernleaf (147).

Shulhingfu Handicap "C2" Class (one mile):—Brunswick Hall (150 lb.), Misamis (158), Cream Cracker (140), Vamoose (145), Blue Boy (148), Aencia Leaf (142), Mongolian Stag (157).

Kungchowfu Handicap (1 1/4 miles):—Kilren (160 lb.), Pegagus (146), Wattle (154), The Bustard (144), Caulfield (140), Thunderclap (148).

Watchowfu Handicap "B2" and "C1" Classes (1 1/4 miles):—Lobster Bay (155 lb.), Mindoro (146), Little Thunder (155), Christmas Belle (148), Christmas Frolic (158), One Third (150), King's Counsel (140), Empress Hall (149).

Kwanchowfu Stakes (five furlongs):—New King (149 lb.), Silver Arrow (146), Tai Ping Yang (140), Jus Gentium (146), Lightship (146), Blue Plane (149), Grumpy (146).

Chaochowfu Handicap "D1" Class (one mile):—Groombridge (145 lb.), Thunderous Stag (165), As You Like It (142), Sunloch (152), Mascot (152), Discard (145), Twilight (140), Country Club (149).

Shulchowfu Handicap "D2" Class (one mile):—Sonny Boy (158 lb.), Vadio (140), Movanager (145), Flornotta (150), Choctow II. (151), Celerity (157), Silver Flare (140), Jester (145), Fernleaf (147).

### LEAGUE CRICKET COMMENCES.

University Teams for Saturday.

The following have been chosen to represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the Royal Artillery on Saturday, on the university ground, at 2 p.m.:—

D. J. N. Anderson, F. A. Redmond, L. T. Ride, D. K. Samy, A. Rodrigues, A. Bakar, A. T. Nomanbhoy, K. P. Gan, G. E. Yeoh, F. Zimmerman, and A. Chan Fook (captain).

The following have been chosen to represent the University 2nd XI in a League match against the Police Recreation Club on Saturday, at Happy Valley:—

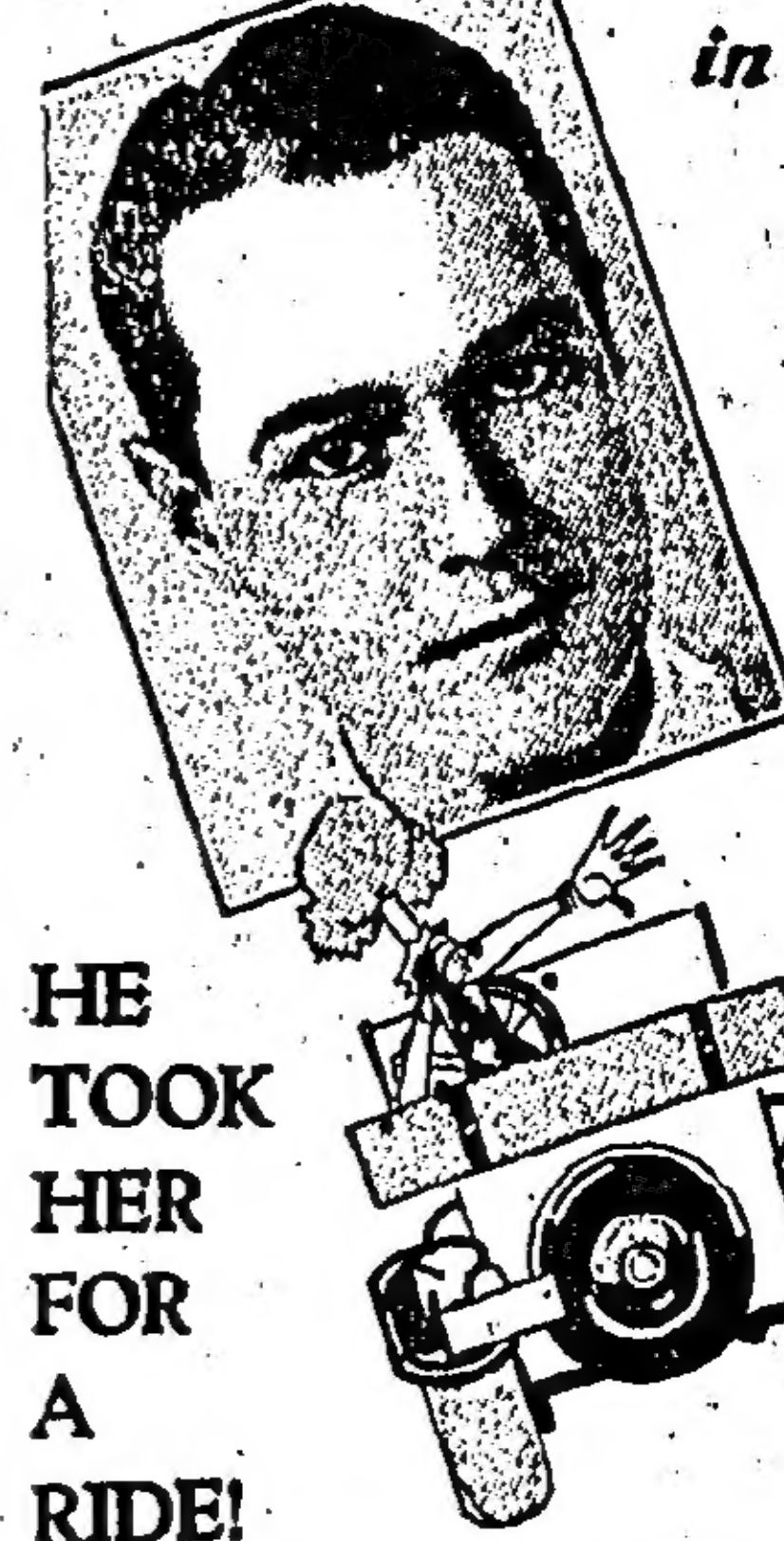
P. L. Tan, G. S. Scully, H. Nomanbhoy, A. S. A. Kyum, P. M. N. da Silva, A. A. Aziz, K. T. Loke (captain), R. E. G. Leong, E. Gasano, F. Hiptoola, and Yayahoy.  
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### REGRETTABLE "TRAFFICKING."

Adelaide, Sept. 4.  
"We deeply deplore the tendency of British clubs to entice leading Australian cricketers to qualify for them. This is all against the true ethics of the game, and tends to destroy the spirit of international cricket." In these words the Ground and Finance Committee of the South Australian Cricket Association, which met to-day, expressed their opinion on the action of Accrington in endeavouring to get Bradman to play for them. All the members made a strong protest against the "trafficking in players."

One prominent Sydney sportsman has offered Bradman £50 if he will stay in Australia until next year so that he will be available against the British touring team. A Sydney firm has offered him a lucrative position on their staff. Australia believes that Bradman will never go to Britain as a professional, and that he will not sign away his Australian birthright.

Bradman disclosed to-day that he had received more than one offer, but whether these are from British clubs he would not say.  
Ponsford was made a similar offer to that of Bradman's a year or two ago, but he was given a position on the staff of an Australian newspaper.

## GERMAN COACH FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Lawn Tennis Ambition Stimulated.

The South Africans, not content with the standard of lawn tennis in their country, and hoping to improve on their performance this year in the Davis Cup, have engaged the German coach, Demasius, to spend the Winter months coaching their players.

A first-class man like Demasius will not only improve play of those good, but raw, players who are unable to get the experience of playing in Europe and America, but he is likely to improve such experienced players as Kirby, Raymond, Robbins and Malcolm, and add just that little extra to their play which will make all the difference between being in the first flight and at the top of it.

## THE FAR EAST DAVIS CUP ZONE.

Favourably Considered by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Norman Brookes, president of the Australian L.T.A., who has just returned to Wellington from a visit to the East, said he had discussed with Mr. Dwight Davis, the donor of the Davis Cup, a scheme to create two new Zones.

The scheme, which provides a north-eastern zone, including Japan, China, Philippine Islands, India, Siam, and Java, and a south-eastern zone, in which New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa would compete, was favourably considered by Mr. Davis. Mr. Brookes, whose scheme has the support of Japan, is of the opinion that it would save much time and money and would increase local interest.

## FRENCHMAN'S NEW FIGURES.

Thirty-Six-Year-Old Record Smashed.

Paris, Sept. 13.  
The 36-year-old world's record for the three-quarter mile was beaten at Colombes Stadium to-day by the French runner, Ladoumègue (already the holder of the 1,000 and 1,500 metres world's records), returning a time of 3 mins. 0.3-5 sec., beating the American, Conneff's, time of 3 min. 2.4-5 sec.  
Nurmi Wins at Berlin.  
At Berlin, the Argentine runner, Zabala, was third in the 10,000 metres international race, which was won by Nurmi, in 21 min. 19.1-5 sec.  
Zabala's time was 31 min. 44.4-5 sec.

## THE OFFER THAT WAS REFUSED.

Fiat Works Interested in Schneider Race.

Rome, Sept. 4.  
An offer has been made by the Fiat works to take the equipment prepared for the Schneider Trophy contest to Calshot, assuming all

(Continued in next Column.)

# SIMPLEST GRIP IS BEST

## HINT FOR GOLF.

The "Two-V" Way That Avoids Trouble.

By DIANA FISHWICK.

I think it is a safe rule, especially for a beginner, to "cut out the frills" as much as possible from her game. Therefore I would advise that the "two-V" grip has the merit of being far the easiest to learn, and also the simplest to discard if one wishes to change over to another grip later on.

I use it myself for every club, from driver to putter, and find it as easy to get distance "with as any other. The shaft of the club is held in the fingers, with the "V" between the thumb and forefinger of each hand on top of the shaft and the hands just touching one another.

Miss Cecil Leitch has always used it for her iron clubs, although with her driver and brassie she has always stuck to the old-fashioned palm grip, which few players use nowadays.

An unusual point about the style of Miss Helen Hicks, the young American golfer who stands second only to Mrs. Glenna Vare in the ranking lists that they are so fond of in the States, is her grip. She uses an interlocking grip, with the little finger of the right hand twined round the forefinger of the left.

Does Not Suit Everybody.  
Charles Whitcombe and one or two others of the professionals do the same, but "Hard-hitting Helen," as they call her on the other side,

responsibility and expense, and thus provide an Italian contingent in the race.

This offer for its realisation depends upon the Government's agreeing to provide the two pilots Lieutenant Neri and Warrant Officer Agello, who are acquainted with the new machine. The reply is expected before the morning.

Meanwhile the three machines, two of the new type and one of the old, are packed on the truck and ready to leave at any moment should the order be given.

and Miss Eild Wilson are the only women golfers that I have seen use it.

This grip is not one that suits every type of hands, and girl golfers must consider whether their hands are powerful enough to use any but the simplest grip, in which they have all their fingers on the club. Even the overlapping grip used by Miss Wethered, with the right little finger riding over the forefinger of the left, is not one that every woman player can comfortably manage.

With some it seems to work very well. I remember Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd admitting that she used the simple two-V grip when she won her two British and two American championships, but changed to the overlapping

grip when she found later on, that she was hardly getting enough distance to hold her own with some of the younger players. The result was so good that she "came back" to win the American championship again five or six years ago.

In the case of players like Miss Wilson or Miss Helen Hicks, who have plenty of power in reserve, an overlapping or interlocking grip may be all right, because it seems to make sure that the club is taken back with the left hand in charge and so helps to maintain a smooth swing. In the case of the average girl, I think she will do better to grasp the club with all her fingers.

The little fingers of each hand is the one with the strongest gripping power, and most of us cannot afford to "sacrifice" control by taking this finger of the right hand off the shaft of the club, as you must do in the "overlapping" grip.

I am sure it is the safest and most natural method—at any rate to start with—to take the club in your left hand as if you were holding your umbrella. With the right hand similarly placed just below, you get the V of both hands on top of the shaft, writes Diana Fishwick in the Evering Standard. This is itself a guide to keeping the hands in their proper position, and a safe guard against all the troubles that come from allowing either hand to creep round too far under the shaft, or too much on top of it.

You can experiment with more "frilly" methods if you are quite sure you cannot get the required distance with the two-V grip, but that colossal driver, Mr. Cyril Tolley, has never required any other.

## ENGLISH BRIDGE TEAM.

A Visit to New York.

Capt. Lindsay Mundy, the Bridge authority, writes:

Mr. A. E. Whitelaw, of the Devonshire Club, is taking a team of four players, all members of the club, to New York next month (September) to play in a series of

## AMERICAN TRIBUTE TO KAYE DON.

"Fearless" Sportsman Ovated.

New York, Sept. 10.

Commodore Schantz of the American Yachtsmen's Association yesterday presented Kaye Don with the Weyhing Trophy which he won with the motor-boat Miss England II for making the record lap round the Detroit course at over 93 miles an hour.

Commodore Schantz paid a public tribute to Kaye Don's fearlessness, sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct during the races at Detroit, and said if he returned to America for another contest every American sportsman would join in an ovation.

## LOUD-SPEAKER GIVES S.O.S.

Spectator Called to Office Fire.

During the greyhound racing at Wembley one night recently a request was made by means of a loud-speaker to Mr. J. Gilbert, of Flackwell Heath, to go to the secretary's office.

There he was told that his business premises at Hanover Square were involved in a fire.

The fire was discovered in the basement of a six-storied building, occupied by a number of firms for show-rooms and offices. The outbreak had gained a fair hold by the time the first fire engines arrived, and owing to the density of the smoke the firemen had to use smoke-helmets.

At the end of half an hour the fire was under control, but much damage had been done in the basement.

friendly matches against American contract bridge players. This is a purely private venture.

An announcement made in New York recently on the authority of Mr. F. D. Courtenay, president of Bridge Headquarters, Inc., suggested that it was the Devonshire Club which was sending out the team. This misunderstanding has been corrected by the secretary of the club, who explained that they had made no arrangements.

## BOBBY JONES JOINS SPALDINGS.

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Mr. Gerald Patterson (managing director of A. G. Spalding and Bros.) announces that the peerless Bobby Jones, golfing wizard of the century, has become a member of that firm, having purchased a substantial number of shares therein. He is to become a member of the board of directors.

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The Rev. Denham R. Norman, All Saints' Vicarage, Warwick, the oldest clergyman of the Church of England, vicar of Middleton by Winkworth from 1853-1875, rector of Stafford from 1875-1898, and Master of St. John's Hospital, Lichfield, 1898-1925, who reached the age of 103, left estate of the gross value of £540, with net personalty £399.

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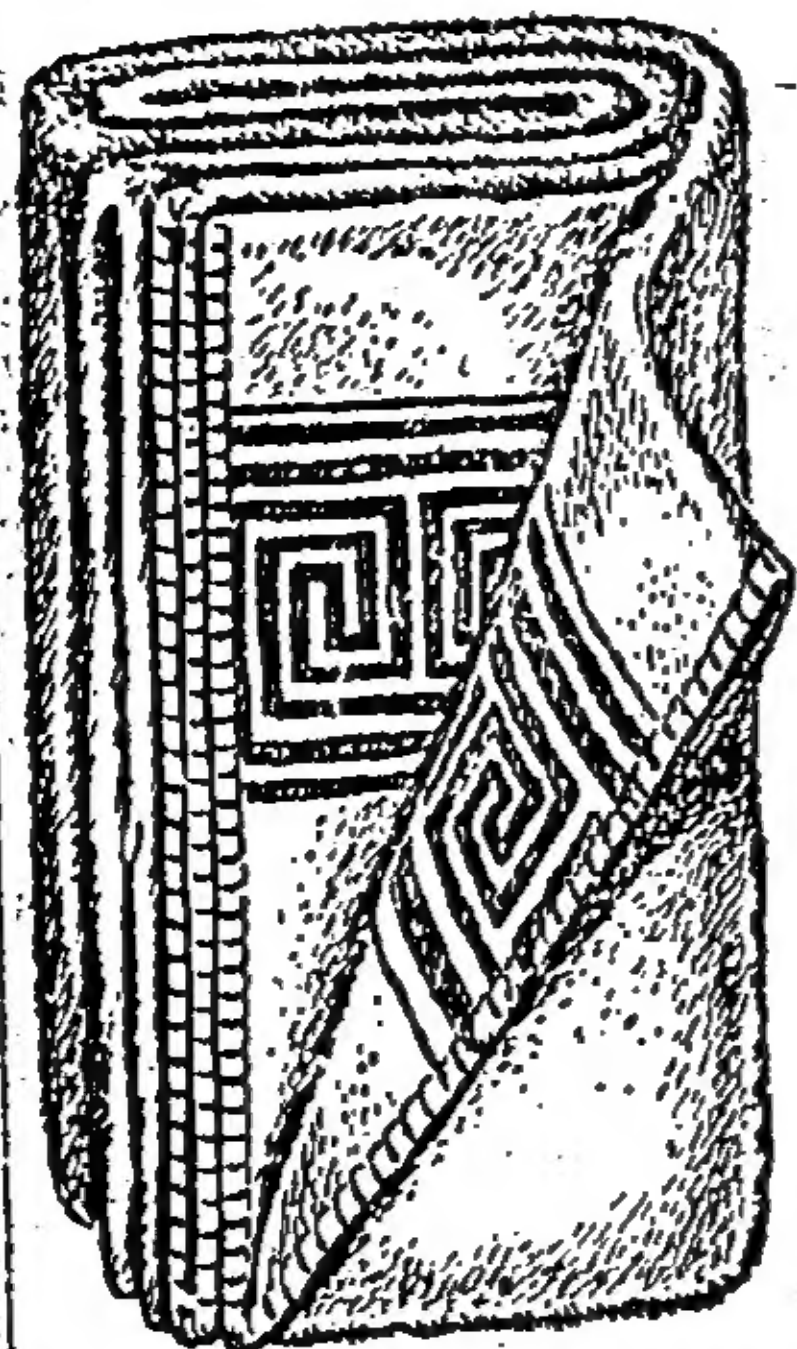
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## The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1931.

### Dame Rumour.

As usual in times of difficulty and stress Dame Rumour is busy, and all kinds of stories are in circulation. To hint at some of them would obviously be playing into the hands of their insidious manufacturers. To pass them on orally to some one else would be equally mischievous. Some people are only too ready to believe what a man with a gulling and voluble tongue tells them. And by the time a rumour goes the round of half a dozen people its original form is past all recognition. Press men naturally hear a great many of these rumours, only to find on investigation that they have not the slightest foundation in fact. As often as not it is a sheer waste of time endeavouring to secure a confirmation or denial. Usually a circulator of a rumour, even if he be a European, is quite unable—or unwilling, most likely—to supply a clue regarding its origin. Yet, by the mere act of assisting in its circulation in the hearing of certain other persons, he may unwittingly be acting as the dupe and tool of mischievous folks who apparently have nothing better to do than maliciously manufacture rumour and gossip.

As we write, we have before us a letter from a reputable firm contradicting a certain rumour in certain vernacular newspapers bearing on the present situation in the Colony. To repeat that rumour, even in the form of an official and authoritative contradiction or denial, cannot serve any good and useful purpose. A repetition of it would only bring it to the notice of hundreds, if not thousands, who had not heard it or read it before. The majority would be likely to accept and believe the denial; a small percentage might be sceptical on the so-called but often erroneous principle that "where there is smoke there is fire." Thus, quite innocently, the rumour, plus a great many trimmings and additions, would gain a much wider circulation—

to the delight of those originally responsible for it.

We cannot all avert hearing or reading a rumour. Press men, in particular, as we have indicated above, are, by the very nature of their profession of news gatherers, liable to be gulled by fairy stories during a period of local difficulty. But all Press men do not imitate the legendary example of a Chicago newspaper who, on a day barren of news, "murdered" the Mayor and automatically contradicted its own yarn the next day!

In a certain country, which must be nameless at the moment, a law was promulgated a few years providing penalties for persons who disseminated rumours in a time of national emergency. There may be no need for such a drastic Ordinance in this Colony. There ought to be other ways of curbing rumour manufacturers and rumour disseminators. In any event it is the duty of citizens of repute to refrain from assisting in the circulation of a baseless and mischievous rumour but report it, along with its source, to the higher authorities, who may be trusted to deal with it in their own way if and when necessary.

### From Other Pens.

#### When is a Car Not a Car?

An engaging problem for motorists is presented by the decision of the Cardiff Stipendiary Magistrate that a man who carries a basket containing goods in a private car may be using his car as a commercial vehicle, and be liable to pay the higher rate of taxation involved. For the average motorist is frequently constrained to use his car for other purposes than the carrying of his family and friends. It is, indeed, no uncommon thing to see a self-conscious householder endeavouring at the wheel to dissociate himself from goods of various sorts, from a sack of potatoes to an antique chair, which he may have acquired advantageously on his wanderings, and which protrude noticeably above the back seat. What should be the best of commercial use—the construction of the car or the nature of the transaction in which it is involved? The former can be at the best only a loose test, for many marketable commodities, from pedigree pups to prize packets of seed, can be comfortably transported in the dicky of a two-seater.

The latter, on the other hand, would be extremely difficult to establish, for a motorist with, for instance, a gramophone on board could hardly be stopped and questioned as to whether he intended to dispose of it at his journey's end. The Traffic Act attempts a definition by stating that a goods vehicle is one "constructed" or "adapted for use for the conveyance of goods." But what is adaptation? Is the private motorist who removes a front seat to make room for a lengthy and heavy package to be penalised while the man who trusts it to the luggage grid gets off? A farmer who cuts out the back seat of his car to make room for a sheep or pig pen would clearly be liable to classification as a goods driver. But the finer "adaptations" are more difficult to judge, and it is a good thing that the Automobile Association is appealing on the Cardiff case to the High Court.

#### Bicycles and Byways.

For some years now Henry Ford has been engaged in a catholic collection of the relics of an earlier America and in an endeavour to revive some of its customs. Someone with sufficient temerity might respectfully suggest to Mr. Ford that he add to these efforts a campaign looking to the rejuvenation of a delightful pastime which he probably more than any other individual precipitated into relative obscurity—the pastime of bicycling.

Four wheels for two. Engines for muscles. Speed for leisure. These, in answer to the dictates of technological progress, the automobile substituted for the bicycle. The latter, consequently, to-day finds its use, in the United States, chiefly among the younger set and telegraph messengers. And yet only some thirty years ago 10,000,000 bicycles were carrying the nation—adult as well as youth—out onto a rapidly increasing network of bicycle-created highways. Men with great sweaters that discreetly concealed their necks discussed with women in billowy bloomers the relative merits of twenty-inch handlebars, toeclips, suspension wheels and what not. Staid citizens inveighed against "scorchers" and their choking clouds of dust. City fathers mooted the acute bicycle parking problem. Newspaper columnists gained fame on bicycle witticisms.

But one can fall here into an easy mistake. The charm of the bicycle is not simply the charm of things past—like the barouches and broughams, one sees standing somewhat disconsolately in New York City's Plaza Square. The bicycle has profound intrinsic merits. It is unique as an instrument offering at once excellent exercise and adequate personal transportation. As a means of achieving real acquaintance with new lands and new countryside it is incomparable, giving to the devotee intimacies and delights that the automobile, the train and the airplane can never provide. Its rider can explore many a byway which the automobilist would avoid.

To be sure, its recrudescence might add to the traffic hazards on the motor highways, as any automobile driver will remark who has had to swerve around one of the 255,466 bicycles made in the United States in 1927, the last year for which production figures are available. But the current persistence of the two-wheeled, leg-powered vehicle in many countries—for example France, where some 7,000,000 are said to be in use, and England, where legions of middle-class housewives living in country districts use them for shopping—testifies to its utility and pleasure. There is reason heartily to commend to the United States, where the bicycle reached its highest fame, a re-examination and rediscovery of its delights.

### News in Brief.

The suspension of the gold standard was sanctioned yesterday by the Danish Parliament.—*Reuter.*

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 73 degrees. The humidity was 87 at 10 a.m. and 82 at 4 p.m.

Mr. Lee Fong, addressing the Rotary Club of Hong Kong at the weekly tiffin yesterday, gave an interesting account of its development, predicting its further growth as the logical port for the South of China. The speaker detailed the various improvements brought about in the city during the past few years, and was of opinion that high import tariffs, and cheap fuel, would eventually make Canton a great manufacturing centre.

The steersman of a cargo junk for mooring outside five other craft alongside the a.s. Kaitana Maru, yesterday, was fined \$3 or three days' jail in the Marine Court today.

Chan Chung, coxswain of the steam launch Fuk Lee, has reported to the Police that when leaving the northern end of the Yamnall Typhoon Shelter on Monday afternoon, his launch collided with a sampan. The occupants of the sampan were thrown into the water, but managed to scramble back to their slightly damaged craft, none the worse for their experience.

### Personal Pars.

According to a Reuter cablegram from Nanking, Dr. C. T. Wang is better. He has no temperature and there are no complications.

Alderman Maurice Jenks, who is shortly to be knighted by the King, was at the Guildhall yesterday elected Lord Mayor of London for the ensuing civic year.—*British Wireless Service.*

The King's return to London yesterday contrasted with his hasty return at the beginning of the crisis, when there were no decorations and no carpets. On the contrary, flags were flying when he returned. His Majesty looked well and cheerful, and was welcomed by the Princes, and chatted with the economist, Sir Josiah Stamp.—*Reuter.*

### JUVENILE COURTS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

to his home surroundings and history. We are also agreed that the Remand Home for juvenile offenders should be under the charge of a police officer and details of our recommendations appear in the paragraph dealing with Remand Homes. Finally we consider that juvenile offenders when first brought to Station should not be taken to the station charge room but to the Inspector's office where they would not come in contact with adult prisoners.

#### Probation Officers.

One of the most important features of the Juvenile Courts are the Probation Officers. Section 9 of the Bill submitted gives full details concerning these officers, their powers and their duties. It is their duty to receive reports from the persons under supervision (Sec. 9 ss. 3) (a) to see that they observe the conditions of the recognisance, (b) to report to the Court as to their behaviour, (c) to advise, assist and befriend them and when necessary to find them suitable employment. Such officers must therefore be able to speak the language of the offenders and be in a position to trace them when required and keep in touch with them until they are released from the supervision of the Courts. We therefore recommend that these Probation Officers should be Chinese of good education between the ages of 25-30. There should be two male Probation Officers to begin with, one for Hong Kong and one for Kowloon and one female Probation Officer for the whole Colony. The salary proposed would be \$1,200-\$1,800 per annum for all such officers whether male or female. These officers would form part of the staff of the Magistracies in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

We consider that provided the necessary legislation outlined in our report is adopted and passed and the very reasonable expenditure sanctioned there is no reason why Juvenile Courts should not be in operation before the close of the present year. The Industrial Schools for Boys will not be ready but much can be done by remands, probation of offenders and detention up to 6 months in aggravated cases until such time, which we hope is not far distant, as the Industrial School for Boys at Aberdeen is established and is functioning satisfactorily.

The report is signed by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, (Chairman), Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell, Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. R. Rains, and Mrs. D. Hourigan, S.C. (Committee).

The female population of the United States is increasing more rapidly than the male, but there are still 1,499,144 more men than women.

Sir Alan Cobham has returned to Entebbe on the completion of his survey flights of the African lakes.

## T. P. O'CONNOR'S WIDOW.

Well-Known Author and Playwright.

### MEMORIES OF OLD VIRGINIA.

Mrs. T. P. O'Connor, widow of the celebrated Irish politician and journalist, died from pneumonia in a nursing home at St. John's Wood early on September 1. She had been ill for a week. Her age was about 74. Her son, Mr. Francis Howard, chairman of the National Portrait Society, and Mrs. Howard, were at her bedside at the end.

A member of an old Virginia family, Mrs. O'Connor was the daughter of Judge Paschal, a celebrated American lawyer, who suffered for his adherence to the unpopular side of the Union during the Civil War. On the conclusion of hostilities Miss Betty Paschal, as she then was, went to Gen. Grant, the President of the United States, and asked for employment. She was appointed to assist in sorting and indexing the archives of the War Office, and was allowed to do her work at home, as she was considered too young to go to an office. Walt Whitman was the earliest of Mrs. O'Connor's literary friends, and in London, after her marriage to "T.P.", she gained a rapid popularity in the literary and political worlds.

#### Visit to London.

Her first husband, Mr. Francis Gassaway Howard, having died, she came to London, and her meeting with "T.P." is described in a book she published some years ago, entitled "I Myself." On her first visit to London she had gone to the House of Commons to meet Mr. Justin McCarthy, but he had left the House, and a policeman advised her to see Mr. O'Connor, who, he said, "was always polite to Americans."

From this meeting their friendship quickly ripened, and Mrs. O'Connor tells of her husband's whirlwind wooing, culminating in a visit to her armed with a special licence for their marriage the next day.

For some years Mrs. O'Connor was the president of the Society of Women Journalists, and displayed a remarkable business capacity in that position. In 1913 she published a book, "My Beloved South," in which she told many charming stories of the old plantation life "befo' de wah." She was also the author of several novels and plays.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor died in 1929.

### LORD LANGFORD.

Working Passage Home from Australia.

Melbourne, August 31.  
Lord Langford, the Irish peer, whose wife has been working in a London tea-shop, has sailed for England in the Ballarat.

He is entered in the ship's articles as "passage worker." Formerly Mr. C. W. T. Rowley, Lord Langford succeeded to the title on the death of his uncle last January. He had a varied career. In Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. In Australia his occupations included farm labouring, working as a night watchman, a land agent, a fruit picker, and singing on the wireless and at concerts. For the last four years Lady Langford has been a waitress in a London tea shop. She was married to Lord Langford in Dublin in 1922.

An Argentine literary academy is to be set up, with the authority of the Government, to foster Argentine culture and conserve local idiom and traditions.

Passengers in the liner Mauretania, when returning from Halifax, N.S., to New York, saw three waterpots.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of September 30, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2 1/12.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jun., leave for Manila, Hong Kong, and other southern places to-morrow. Mr. Rockefeller, interviewed, spoke highly of what he had seen of the "Chinese" and their institutions. Mr. Walker, Standard Oil manager in Hong Kong, will attend the party in the South.



## THE BEAUTY OF CHINESE LITERATURE

Penang Resident Councillor's Address.

ITS GREAT DIFFICULTIES.

Encyclopaedia of 22,877 Volumes.

At the Penang Rotary Club tiffin on Tuesday, September 15, Rotarian P. T. Allen, Resident Councillor, Penang, delivered an address on "Chinese Literature."

Roughly he divided Chinese literature into four classes:—The classics; history; philosophy; and belles lettres. Up till very recent years the classics were regarded by the Chinese as the foundation of all learning. They were written in a style extremely terse and very allusive, and without the aid of exhaustive commentaries would be absolutely unintelligible to the Chinese or the most learned scholars of other races. Each character was an allusion which crystallised in itself a whole story or a whole history.

He also gave a list of the Chinese dynasties which had reigned since the Han Dynasty, with a short account of the most important events during each period.

Before setting out to say something of the actual records of Chinese literature, he said he would like to give a short list of Chinese dynasties which had reigned since the Han dynasty. The first were the six dynasties (A.D. 200 to 600). That was a period of internecine struggle and literary stagnation. There was only one author of great account who lived in those times. He was a poet. That period coincided with the period in which Buddhism began to be regarded practically as the religion of China, as apart from Confucianism, which was no religion.

The second was the Tang dynasty (A.D. 600-900). During that period the Chinese language attained its full vigour and the period was remarkable for the number of great poets, philosophers and for hostility to the religion of the Buddha.

The third was the Sung dynasty (A.D. 900-1200) and that was the Golden Age of Chinese literature which corresponded with the times when the last of the Saxon kings, William the Conqueror and William Rufus, were ruling England.

The Sung dynasty was succeeded by the Yuan and Ming dynasties (A.D. 1200-1644). Those were the first periods of decay—decay from the peak of excellence which had reached in the Sung dynasty.

The last of all the dynasties was the Tsing dynasty (A.D. 1644-1712) which produced a revival on a considerable scale of the great traditions which owed their origin to the literature of the Sung dynasty.

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The chief classical works were the "Five Classics" which comprised the Book of Changes; the Book of History; the Book of Odes; the Book of Rites and Ceremonies; and the Book of Spring and Autumn annals.

Confucius himself was said to have been the actual author of the Spring and Autumn annals, and the editor and compiler of the "Book of History" and the "Book of Odes." If that were true the work called the Spring and Autumn annals was the only actual work of Confucius that remained.

Next in importance to the Five Classics came the "Four Books," which were:—Confucian Analects; The Great Learning; The Doctrine of the Mean; The Works of Mencius. These books contained sayings, conversations and opinions of

Confucius and Mencius, as recorded by their disciples. An immense collection of commentaries had come into existence dealing with the nine chief classical works, and those commentaries constituted a literature in themselves.

**"Our Bane."**  
The lecturer then read short extracts from translations by Professor Giles, one of the most elegant and accurate translators from one language into another. Professor Giles had done for the literature of China what Professor Jobb had done for the works of Sophocles.

The first extract the lecturer read out was from the Book of History, an edict by the King against Drunkenness.

He next chose an extract from the Book of Odes, the second Classics, but before reading it out took the precaution of saying that he did not subscribe to the sentiments contained therein.

The ode read:—  
"A clever man will build a town,  
A clever woman will pull it down.  
Though woman's wit is sometimes heard,  
She's really an ill-omened bird;  
Her long tongue's like a slight of stairs."

Which leads to miserable cares,  
It is not God who mars our lives,  
That fault is rather with our wives.  
Of all we cannot teach or train  
Women and Eunuchs are our bane."

(Loud laughter.)  
The next extract read out was from the sayings of Confucius, whose precepts, he said, were exemplified not only in the Christian teachings, but also in the teachings of the old philosophers of Greece. One poet, he remembered, wrote a line, which when translated meant, "From Heaven came down a command—know yourself."

Passing on to the second of his four divisions of Literature the lecturer dwelt on History. Among the most famous historians was Sma Ch'ien, who wrote the history of the period between 209 B.C. and 104 B.C. His work was in 294 volumes and occupied 19 years to compile it. He quoted a passage dealing with the early years of the Han dynasty, after the times of the Emperor who destroyed the books, which illustrated that practices widely prevalent in the present times were by no means unknown in those days of old.

A division of the class, "History," contained topographical works one of which was entitled, "The Hill and River Classic," a work of a great authority which contained accounts of men who had holes through their bodies, who when they went out were carried on a pole passed through the holes by their servants, of men with only one arm and one leg, who could only go out in couples, one leaning against the other.

The Eminent Sir Laurence Guillemard in a speech once quoted Pliny, the lecturer said, to illustrate the fact that the governors in Asia Minor in those days used to write to the Emperor in Rome to send good men for the P.W.D. "With due humility I will also quote," said Rotarian Allen, "from Pliny's Natural History and it is to show that he, as well as the ancient Chinese, believed in the Hill and River Classic."

**Encyclopaedias.**  
Under the heading Philosophy, the lecturer said, were included writings, arts and sciences, agriculture, medicine, religion, mathematics, essays and novelists. Under the head of "Sciences" the Chinese had been most remarkable producers of Encyclopaedias. By far the most remarkable was the Encyclopaedia produced on the instructions of the second of the Ming Emperors, 2,200 scholars took part in producing it; it was published in 22,877 volumes, the index alone accounting for the title of 60 volumes; whole books were included in it, and in that way 385 ancient and rare works were saved

which otherwise might have irretrievably perished. The Chinese Encyclopaedia in the British Museum was a much less elaborate work. It consisted of merely 6,109 volumes. The Museum authorities had it rebound in 1,000 volumes and it occupied ten show cases to display it.

Novellists were included under that same heading, he said, and he mentioned one—Pu Sung-ling. The dates of his birth and death were unknown but he took his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1641, so that he flourished in the early and middle years of the 17th century. He belonged to the province of Shan Tung and his best known work was known as the Liao Chai Chih, familiarly shortened to Liao Chai. It was a collection of short stories of magic and marvels. It was by far the most famous of all Chinese novels and was studied by every literary person. Speaking from experience, he said, he found the style of the book extremely terse and owing to the author's prolific use of rare and unusual characters as well as allusions and metaphors, it was a book most difficult for foreigners to attempt to translate. It was a story book full of short stories.

The fourth division, Belles Lettres, included polite literature generally. He read a poem from the Book of Odes, not like the one he read before, full of satire and sarcasm, but calm and gentle, and as translated by Dr. Martin it read:—

"A speck upon your ivory fan,  
You soon may wipe away.  
But stains upon your heart or tongue  
Remain, alas for aye."

Poetry flourished principally in the Tang dynasty (A.D. 600-900) and perhaps the greatest of all Chinese poets belonged to that dynasty. His name was Li Po, or Lai Puk in Cantonese. The last great poet was Su Tung Po who lived between A.D. 1036 and 1101.

### FAMED ARTISTES.

To Be Heard in Kowloon on Saturday.

In regard to the engagement for the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, on the occasion of the re-opening of the Rose Room, of two French Artistes, Mlle. Eleanor Ninon and M. Leo Mantin, the Manila Bulletin of September 24 stated:—

Entertainment of a very high order is offered the Manila public to-night at the Manila Hotel Pavillion at the premiere of the internationally famous Eleanor Ninon and Leo Mantin, and their Filipino accompanist, Pedro Guevara.

This has been designated as President Hoover Night at the hotel in honour of those Manilans who are returning on this ship and visitors.

The famous trio will be in Manila only for a limited engagement. They are on their way back to the United States under contract to play at the Ritz-Carlton of Atlantic City where they proved a big hit on their first tour of the United States.

They played before packed houses in the leading hotels and theatres in China and Japan. Mei Lan-fang, considered to be the greatest actor China has produced, complimented them very highly on the character of their work during their China tour.

Besides being a marvellous dancer, Mlle. Ninon is considered to be one of the most beautiful French actresses on the stage today. Part of her former work in Paris was as dancing partner of the Playboy of Paris, Maurice Chevalier. Her costumes are the latest creations of Chanel, the famous Paris fashion dictator. She has an imposing array of foot-wear from Sommer and Kaufman, San Francisco.

Leo Mantin is a product of the Folies Bergeres and combined in his acts some of Chevalier's magnetic appeal and the wit of Will Rogers.

Mrs. Rachel Swain, of Flitwick, Beds, who still manages her own household and garden, has celebrated her 101st birthday. She has never seen the sea.

Two British girls, Miss Joan Ford, of London, and Miss Violet Anderson, of Scotland, have entered for the annual ten-mile swimming race over a triangular course in Lake Ontario.

A woman, aged 88, who was picking beans in her garden at Cavallon, in Provence, was stung by a scorpion and died shortly afterwards.

## "WEST VIRGINIA BLUEBEARD."

"Detention Pen" for Victims.

New York, August 31. Since his arrest Harry Powers, who is stated to have confessed at Clarksburg to seven murders, has become known as the "West Virginia Bluebeard."

The Clarksburg police, on opening forty-six letters which reached Powers' address since Friday, found that all of them were from love-lorn women, mostly above middle age, who had answered his matrimonial advertisements.

Dynamite was used to-day to blast out the concrete floor of the windowless garage basement which, with its four cells, is said to have been used by Powers as a detention pen for his victims and also as a storage place for his matrimonial correspondence. Powers makes the extraordinary statement that he drove two women and three children to the garage basement on the same day in the same car, and after a few days killed them.

Powers, who is now broken and repentant, has been definitely charged with murdering two women and three children. But throughout to-day the police, assisted by fifty convicts, were digging into the muddy meadows and hills round the village of Quiet Dells. Other women are known to have corresponded with the man with a view to securing "a country home and an honest man's love." Powers wrote well, and his serial letter No. 3 was full of quotations from writers on love and marriage, designed to influence the imaginations of weak recipients.

To Mrs. Dorothy Lemke, his fifth victim, Powers recommended various books on the psychology of sex and a leaflet he had written on love and marriage. To several women he wrote: "I never did take any fancy to slim women, but prefer a woman to be plump."

Police armed with machine-guns and tear-gas bombs still patrol the grounds of the prison to prevent lynching. Ten thousand persons visited Quiet Dells to-day, but were excluded from the farm.

Powers meanwhile says that he is prepared to die. When he is not playing cards he sings revival hymns.

## 100 MILES IN A SEDAN CHAIR.

Remarkable Journey by Chiang Kai-shek.

Probably the most remarkable journey ever made by a military leader was taken recently, when Marshal Chiang Kai-shek travelled 100 miles in a sedan chair.

Marshal Chiang, who is directing the anti-Communist campaign in Kiangsi, had to make a journey to the Government's front line at Nanfeng. He was carried the full distance from his headquarters at Linchuan by chair, relays of coolies being employed.

The trip was of an especially hazardous nature, since he might have been attacked by the Communists at any time. He was accompanied by some of his most reliable bodyguards, and troops were stationed at short intervals along the entire distance of 100 miles.

Marshal Chiang has at his headquarters a high-powered American car, equipped with bullet-proof glass. His bodyguards always accompany him when he motors. Two of them sit, with cocked pistols, on specially constructed seats at the rear of the car, while others, also fully armed, stand on the running-boards. On his journey to the front, however, he could not use his machine as there were no roads worthy of the name.

### LORD METHUEN 85.

As Governor and Constable of the Tower of London, Lord Methuen, who was 85 on September 1, has no chance nowadays to enjoy some of the ancient perquisites of the office.

For in former times the Constable was entitled to "all the cattle which fall off London Bridge, all swans that pass below the bridge, all fishery rights in the Thames, and all horses and carts that fall into the moat."

In point of age Lord Methuen is the oldest of our Field-Marshal, and in seniority he is second only to the Duke of Connaught, who was gazetted to the rank in 1902. Lord Methuen being raised to a Field-Marshal in 1911. He has been a Scots Guardsman for sixty-seven years.

## STORE SALESMANSHIP "SLOPPY."

Over-Dressed Windows.

The salesmanship of the average store to-day is "definitely sloppy," declared Mr. W. Buchanan-Taylor, publicity manager of J. Lyons and Co., Ltd., in an address at the opening of the National Display Association Convention at Portsmouth last month.

"I know there has been a wholesale cutting down of stocks, that shops and stores are largely run from the hand of the merchant to the mouth of the consumer," he explained. "But that is no reason why the shopkeeper and the store owner should be so frequently short of the things of which he sells most."

Display, he went on, had penalised itself by an orgy of exaggerated theory. Many display men and women appeared to have overlooked their mission—to sell goods—so intent were they on the setting in which the goods were displayed.

"There has been a riot of window over-dressing in recent times. With the advent of the German, French, and American systems many display men and women in Britain have come to regard window-dressing in terms of extravagant futurism and cubist prodigality."

### MR. GANDHI.

Why He Was Disbarred.

It is reported that when Mr. Gandhi set sail from Bombay for England his passport bore the description: "Disbarred barrister."

Mr. Gandhi was "called" to the Bar of England on June 10, 1891, at the Inner Temple, where he had been a student. He was then 22 years of age. Subsequently he went to South Africa where he championed the Indians and suffered imprisonment.

In 1914 he returned to India, became leader of the non-co-operation and civil disobedience movement, and early in 1922 he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment because of his activities in this campaign. Because of this he was disbarred by the Benchers of the Inner Temple, his name being "screened" in the customary way.

### MR. BALDWIN'S THREE SECRETARIES.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin has appointed Sir Geoffrey Fry and Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd to be his private secretaries (unpaid), and Mr. J. P. L. Thomas to be his assistant private secretary (unpaid).

Mr. Geoffrey Fry was private secretary (unpaid) to Mr. Bonar Law for about three years, and became private secretary to Mr. Baldwin in 1923.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, who is prospective candidate for the Ladywood Division of Birmingham, joined Mr. Baldwin's secretarial staff shortly before the dissolution of the late Conservative Government. He had previously been assistant private secretary (unpaid) to Sir Samuel Hoare, who was at that time Minister for Air. He played an important part in the recent political crisis in keeping Mr. Baldwin in almost hourly touch with the situation.

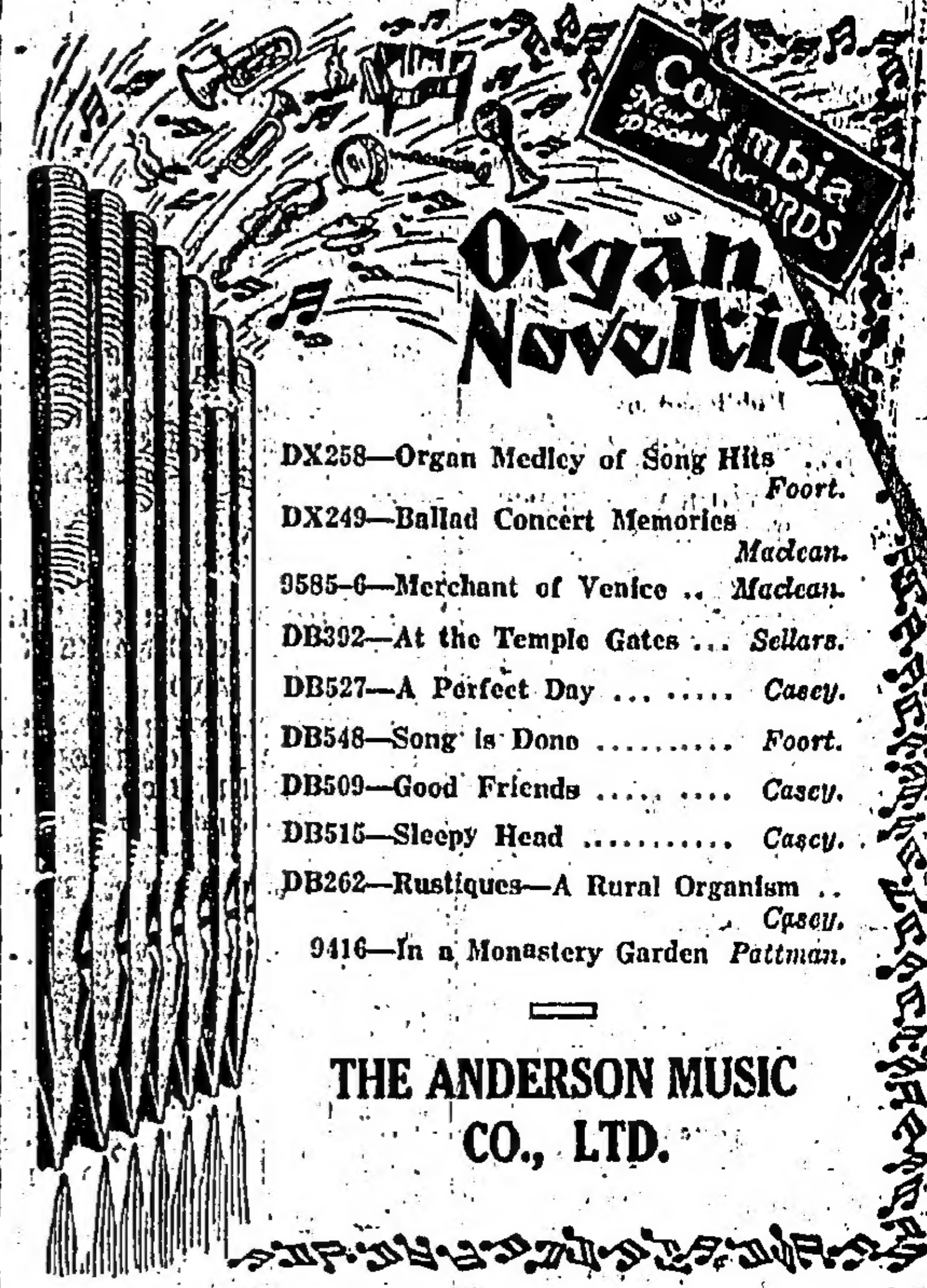
Mr. James P. L. Thomas has been attached to Mr. Baldwin's secretariat since the General Election of 1929, at which he unsuccessfully contested the Llanelli Division. Mr. Thomas who is only 28, has been adopted as a prospective candidate for the Hereford Division. Sir Henry B. Bettartton (Minister of Labour) has appointed Mr. G. H. Ince to be his principal private secretary, and Mr. H. H. Sellar to be his assistant private secretary.

### DEATH OF GEN. GALOPIN.

Paris, August 31. The death occurred in Paris yesterday of Gen. Galopin, aged 78, the constructor of the cupolas at Verdun, which proved so successful in warding off the German attacks in 1916.

At the outbreak of the war the general was Governor of Nice, and was appointed to command the Paris garrison.

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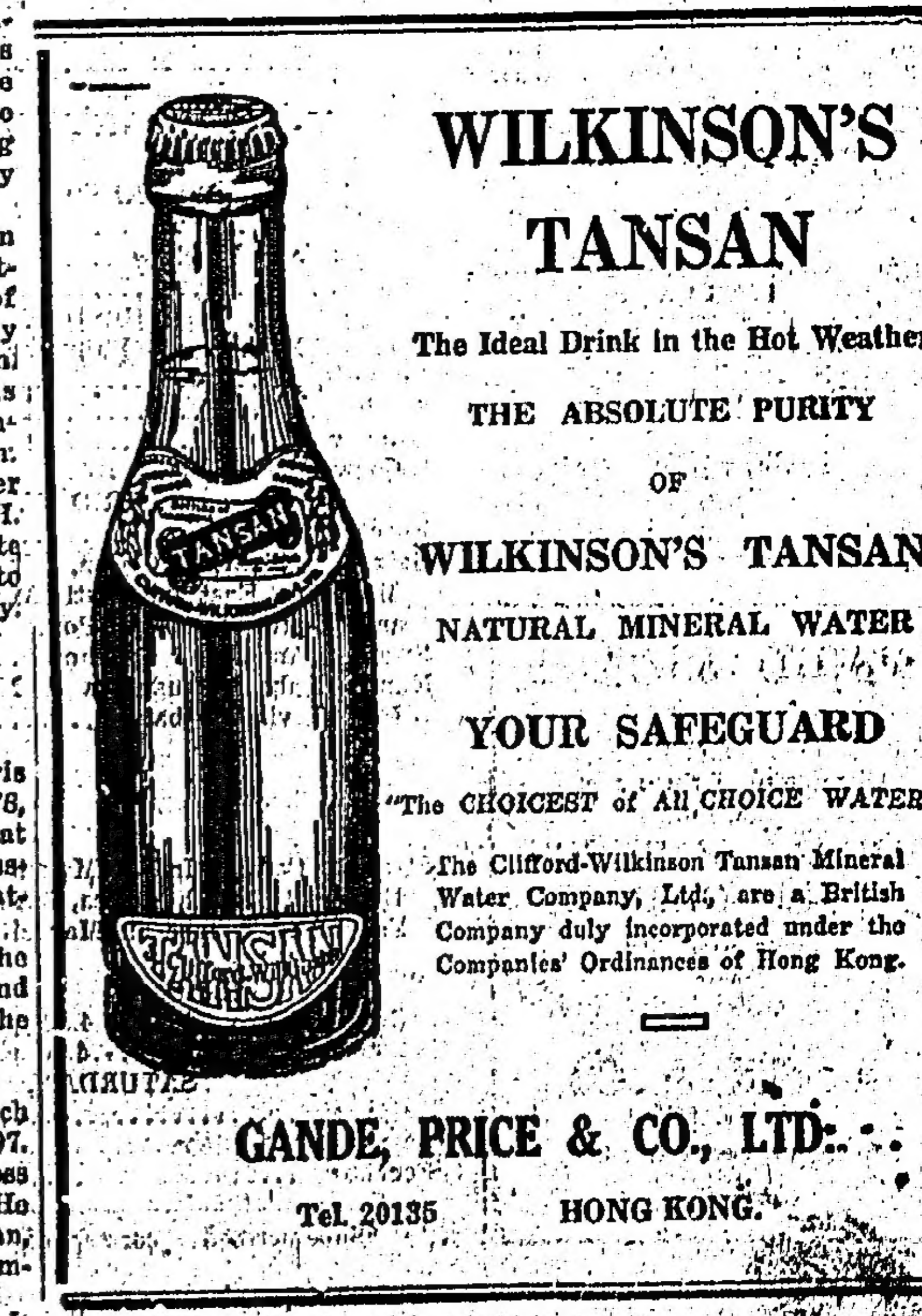
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IAKUNA MARU	Saturday	17th October.
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KAMO MARU	Saturday	24th October.
KITANO MARU	Saturday	21st November.
<b>BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, &amp; Colombo.</b>		
TANGO MARU	Tuesday	13th October.
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PENANG MARU	Thursday	1st October.
HAKODATE MARU	Thursday	8th October.
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MITO MARU	Friday	2nd October.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday	3rd October.
TOTTORI MARU	Saturday	3rd October.

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MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN.	Arizona Maru	Wed.	7th Oct.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Brisbane Maru	Tues.	6th Oct.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Indus Maru	Fri.	9th Oct.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Alaska Maru	Sun.	11th Oct.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Hokureku Maru	Mon.	5th Oct.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Hague Maru	Sat.	3rd Oct.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Havre Maru	Sat.	3rd Oct.
HAIPHONG via Hobe & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Hamburg Maru	Fri.	2nd Oct.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	1st Oct.
JAPAN PORTS via Keelung & Shanghai.	Hozan Maru	Sun.	4th Oct.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun.	11th Oct.
	Deli Maru	Thurs.	8th Oct. (10 a.m.)

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SAILING DATES FOR OCT., 1931 (Subject to Change).  
DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

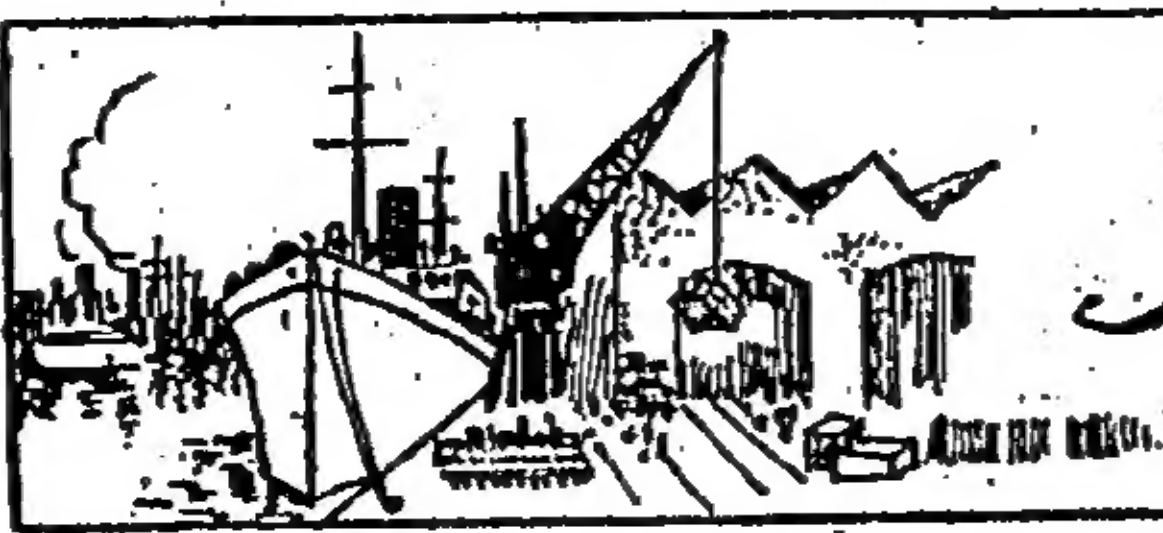
Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI HING	FRI. 2nd	SUN. 4th	MON. 5th	TUES. 6th
TAI MING	MON. 5th	WED. 7th	THURS. 8th	FRI. 9th
TAI HING	THURS. 8th	SAT. 10th	SUN. 11th	MON. 12th
TAI MING	SAT. 10th	MON. 12th	TUES. 13th	WED. 14th
TAI HING	WED. 14th	FRI. 16th	SAT. 17th	SUN. 18th
TAI MING	FRI. 16th	SUN. 18th	MON. 19th	TUES. 20th
TAI HING	TUES. 20th	THURS. 22nd	FRI. 23rd	SAT. 24th
TAI MING	THURS. 22nd	SAT. 24th	SUN. 25th	MON. 26th
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### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:  
Berwick—No. 6 buoy.  
Bridgewater—No. 13 buoy.  
Cornflower—North wall.  
Magnolia—North wall.  
Medway—in dock.  
Moth—South wall.  
Phoenix—East wall.

Sandwich—No. 8 buoy.  
Seraph—Kowloon wharf.  
Seraph—Kowloon wharf.  
Sterling—Kowloon wharf.  
Stormcloud—Kowloon wharf.  
Submarines—West wall (dock).  
Tamar—Basin.  
Foreign Men-of-War.  
Argus—French gunboat.  
Likh—Chinese gunboat.  
Saga—Japanese gunboat.



### WATER LEVELS.

#### Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	Sept. 27	Sept. 28
West River at Shihling	5.6	6.4
North River at Samshui	6.3	6.3
North River at Tsingyuen	4.8	4.7
East River at Sheklung	4.2	5.1
The highest levels recorded are:—Shihling, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.		
The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.		

### STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. & Apear s.s. Sirdhana will leave Amoy for this port on October 2, p.m., and is due here on October 3, p.m.  
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on September 26 (a.m.), and is due here on October 14. She will sail for Manila (p.m.) on October 15.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Bencluch are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after October 5. Consignees of cargo ex m.v. Java are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after October 5.

### HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

September 30 to October 6, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Sept.	Standard Times	Standard Times
Wed. 30	11 14 5.5	5.05 1.3
Thurs. 1	12 10 6.4	19 38 1.4
Fri. 2	12 10 6.4	19 38 1.4
Sat. 3	12 10 6.4	19 38 1.4
Sun. 4	12 10 6.4	19 38 1.4
Mon. 5	12 10 6.4	19 38 1.4
Tues. 6	12 10 6.4	19 38 1.4

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, September 28.  
Hikawa Maru, Japanese str., 6,787 tons, Capt. S. Aktyoshi, from Keelung, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.  
Java, Danish str., 5,524 tons, Capt. E. Mourillan, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—John Manners & Co.  
Oostkerk, Dutch str., 5,061 tons, Captain Gunther Mohr, from Hilo, Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Tuesday, September 29.  
Aeneas, British str., 6,256 tons, Capt. W. K. Wallace, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—B. & S.  
An Lee, Chinese str., 992 tons, Capt. S. Sano, from Newchwang, buoy No. C8.—Yee Tai Hong.  
Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Amoy, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.  
Athena, French str., 8,947 tons, Capt. Le Flahex, from Saigon, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.  
Chipsing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. I. S. Pethick, from Wei-

hai-wei, buoy No. 1.—J. M. & Co.  
Porthos, French str., 7,530 tons, Capt. Filippi, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.  
Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,251 tons, Capt. Shearer, from Saigon, buoy No. B1.—Wo Fat Sing.  
Sinkiang, British str., 1,516 tons, Capt. F. Gibbs, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.  
Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Mazaki, from Canton, buoy No. B16.—Loong Tai Hong.  
Tjimegara, Dutch str., 3,510 tons, Capt. J. Van der Hock, from Peking, buoy No. A5.—J.C.J.L.  
Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,748 tons, Capt. H. J. G. Blits, from Singapore, buoy No. A12.—J.C.J.L.  
Wichita, American str., 3,856 tons, Capt. D. Holth, from Manila, buoy No. A13.—L. Everett, Inc.  
Yendai Maru, Japanese str., 2,070 tons, Capt. Nitta, from Lung-kow, Quarry Bay.—D.K.K.

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Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
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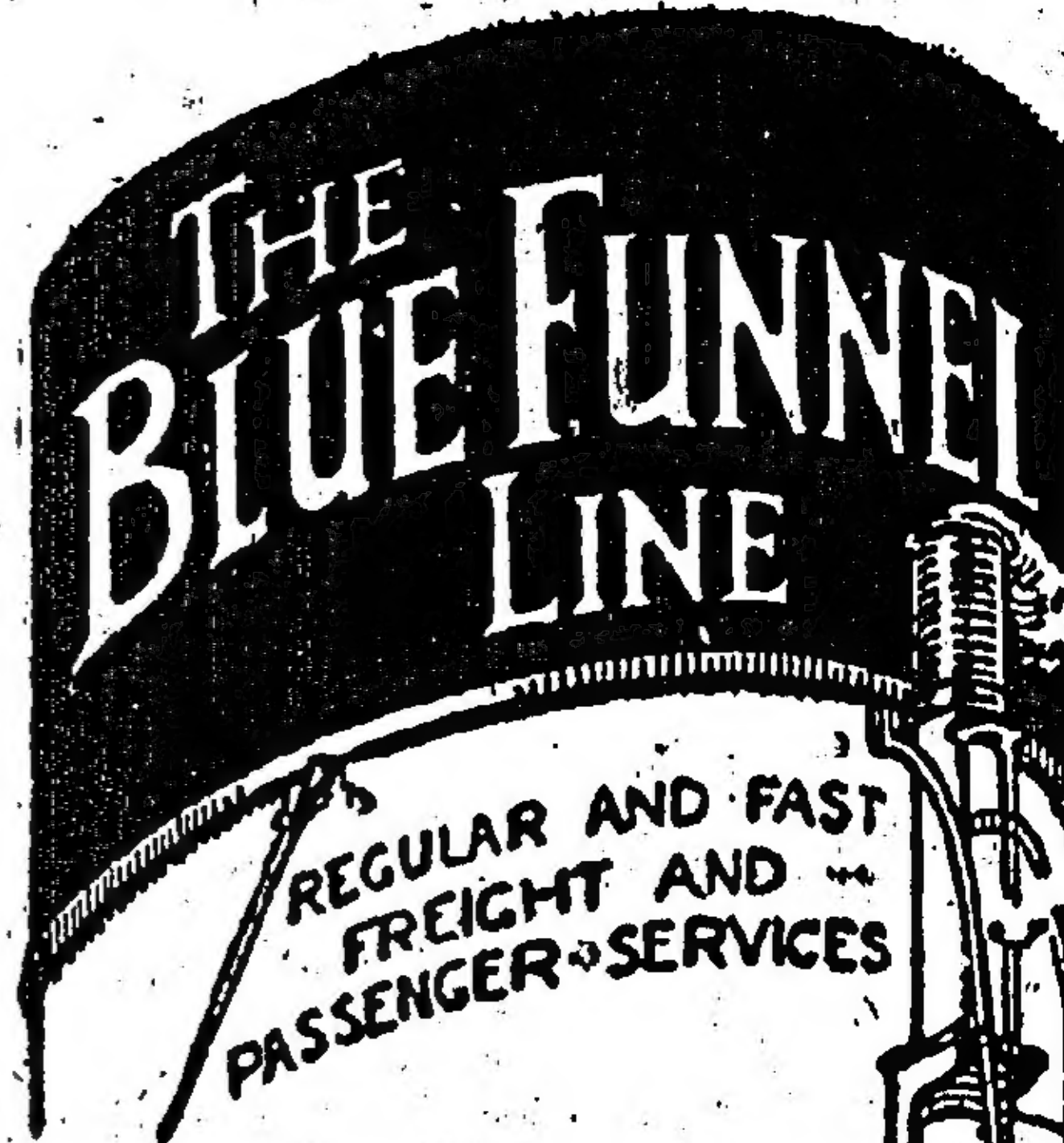
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evening's entertainment.

Hubert Logan, a rising young  
barrister who specialises in divorce  
cases, returns from a holiday in  
Italy to find London fog-bound.  
Failing to get home, he takes re-  
fuge in a big hotel. A fancy-dress  
dance has been going on in the  
hotel, and most of the revellers are  
fog-bound. The hotel management  
appeals to the chivalry of the male  
guests.

Logan, however, is tired and  
cross. He has a bed and intends to  
sleep in it. Chivalry is in abeyance.  
Even when a dazzer in Restoration  
dress makes her way into his room  
and begins a devastating campaign  
of femininity, Logan puts up a  
game fight. But he makes the bad  
tactical mistake of falling in love  
with the invader. Alas, poor  
Logan! The couch in the sitting  
room receives his weary frame,  
while the lady sleeps soundly on his  
bed and in his dressing gown.

## The Indignant Husband.

Next day Logan seems likely to  
reap not the reward of virtue but  
the whirlwind. There appears at  
his chambers Lord Mere, an indig-  
nant husband, seeking counsel's  
opinion on his case for divorce.  
Lady Mere, it seems, had gone to a  
ball last night in Restoration dress  
and been fog-bound in an hotel—  
Logan's hotel; and a man had been  
seen leaving her room in the morn-  
ing. Alas, poor Logan!

But you need waste no pity on  
Logan. By the end of the evening  
the lady is honourably his—though  
Mr. Wakefield gives him some bad  
half-hours first.

Owen Nares plays Logan with  
great firmness and an attractive  
sense of comedy; and the part of  
the lady gives Isabel Jeans great  
scope for her special gift of artifi-  
cial comedy. Allan Aynesworth en-  
joys himself hugely, making Lord  
Mere the very pattern of a pompous  
old ass; and Morton Selten, as his  
frustrated brother, makes a perfect  
fool to him. Small parts are ex-  
cellently done by Ronald Simpson,  
Margaret Baird, Robert Rendel, and  
Cyril Smith.

And to conclude, the producer has  
done his work so well that I found  
myself, during the first act last  
night, straining my eyes to find his  
name on the programme. The  
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one-composer programmes so fre-  
quently given at the "Proms" this  
year always justify themselves, but  
it was gratifying to find to-night  
that Vaughan Williams' music  
nowadays attracts a sufficiently  
large audience to justify a concert  
of his works. It is also interesting  
to see how the public reacts to  
different composers. To-night there  
was a tempered but obviously sin-  
cere enthusiasm that characterised  
the composer as much as his listen-  
ers. It is good to see a reticent,  
fastidious, and genuine artist grow-  
ing into such healthy popularity.

The programme was admirably  
devised. The jolly "Wasp" Overt-  
ure set it going with a swing.  
Next to Brahms' "Academic  
Festival" it is the best music ever  
written for an undergraduates' func-  
tion. Next came the mystical  
"Flos Campi," which the composer  
conducted himself. Mr. Bernard  
Shore played the viola solo beau-  
tifully, and the Wireless Chorus filled  
in the wordless, almost instrumental  
voice parts with the most musician-  
ly discretion. This work will never  
have a vogue: it is too uniform in  
colour, too austere in expression,  
and too fluid in form to lay hold of  
the hearer's mind very closely. But  
it takes its place in contemporary  
music as something with a  
fragrance all its own, something no  
other musician of Britain could  
have given us. A medieval artist  
would have matched it somehow,  
but there again, though the spirit  
might have been the same, the  
technique and idiom would have  
been utterly different. Mr. Keith  
Falkner sang the "Songs of Travel"  
splendidly. They have distinction  
rather than originality, for one can  
scarcely imagine their existence  
without Standard's "Sea Songs,"  
but English song can do with plenty  
of such salty, breezy, healthy stuff.

Sir Henry Wood's performance of  
the "London Symphony" was one of  
the finest he has achieved this  
season, and the orchestra responded  
with evident delight to his enthu-  
siastic but never extravagant, care-  
ful but never fussy reading. The  
work wears extremely well; each  
hearing reveals new depths and  
beauties. All London is not reflect-  
ed in it, as it could never be in any  
single work of art, but what is  
missing is mainly on the ignoble  
side. The humanity and courage,  
the poetry and subdued colour, the  
plunges from strenuous life and  
traffic into quiet corners fit for  
dreams are all there. Perhaps—if  
I may for once close on a personal  
note—I was the more profoundly  
touched by this symphony to-night  
because I knew that with my notice  
of its performance I must take  
leave of many readers after nearly  
eight years of music criticism in  
London.—E. B. in Manchester  
Guardian.

## "THOSE NAUGHTY NINETIES."

A Criterion Theatre  
Production.

London, August 27.

"Those Naughty Nineties," pro-  
duced at the Criterion Theatre to-  
night, is as the title suggests, more  
of a playful salute to a period than  
a seriously intended drama. There  
is a little story about the bad girl  
of the Ealing family who actually  
entered the Divorce Court, and no  
had her parents knocked off the  
gentle invitation list to book teas  
and picnics at Pinner. But the  
people are mainly pegs for clothes,  
and the action is mainly an excuse  
for a nice array of aspidochelons  
and gas-globes and lace curtains and  
the kind of drawing-room furniture

which makes one aching to look  
upon. The tale of illicit passion in the  
leg-of-mutton sleeves is further  
garnished with period songs at the  
piano, period fireworks, a view of a  
pleasure-steamer on the Thames,  
whiskers, beards, goloshes, and a  
vintage motor-car as explosive as  
dynamite in its mode of progress.  
Sir Nigel Playfair has produced  
the handwork of M. Savage Graham  
and Ronald Simpson, and Sir Nigel  
has in the text all the toys which  
he knows so well how to manipu-  
late. The question is whether  
forty minutes of this charade will  
not be ample. During the second  
act we begin to feel that such  
pastiche should be a short-term in-  
vestment, but in the third act when  
the tea-party at Ealing has brought  
all the local dragons on parade the  
amusement is renewed, and we  
would all have welcomed encore for  
such ditties of the accomplished  
young as "Will-o'-the-Wisp" and "A  
Little Bit of String."

The dresses turn out, of course,  
to be strangely up to date. The  
contrast here is a few years too late,

and so we concentrate for the  
oddities of social history on the  
account of parlor diversions, the  
field sports, such as bicycling, and  
the taboos of that England which  
was just about to brace itself for  
the Boer War. Miss Mary Jerrold  
has a very large part, and plays it  
admirably. Miss Thea Holme, who  
comes to London from the Oxford  
repertory company, fully justifies  
that promotion. Miss Pamela Wil-  
lins once more asserts her nice  
sense of character. Indeed, it is  
all very, pretty done. The play is  
not the thing; it is the coverlet  
which counts, and this the players  
uphold with a pretty flourish.—I. B.  
in Manchester Guardian.

A cuttlefish, 2 ft. in length and  
having 8 tentacles, has been washed  
up at Blyth.

The 344th anniversary of the  
birth of Virginia Dare, the first  
white child born in America, was  
observed with a celebration at Old  
Fort Raleigh, in Dare County,  
North Carolina.

## HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

## APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

				Sept. 22, June, June,								Sept. 22, June, June,					
				1931. 1918. 1914.								1931. 1918. 1914.					
				Cts. Cts. Cts.								Cts. Cts. Cts.					
Butcher Meat.								Poultry.									
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	33	24	12	Chicken	雞	lb.	64	30	31	Capon, Small	雞	lb.	60	28	30
" Prime Cut	牛尾	"	30	23	11	Capon, Large	雞	"	64	28	30	Duck	鴨	lb.	50	22	21
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	—	23	12	Doves	鴿	each	50	22	21	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	33	18	—
" Roast	燒牛肉	"	33	24	22	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	"	36	25	20	Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	76	36	24
" Breast	牛胸肉	"	30	20	18	Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	58	35	24	Geese	鴨	lb.	54	24	24
" Soup	湯牛肉	"	27	20	18	Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	50	30	—	" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	75	60	60
" Steak	牛排	"	33	24	22	" Holiow	鴿	"	40	28	—	" Tongue, corned	牛舌	"	\$1.20	—	\$1.20
" Steak Sirloin	牛排	"	46	30	35	Turkey, Cock	火雞	lb.	75	—	—	" Head	牛頭	"	—	20	18
" Sausages	牛腸	"	36	26	20	Turkey, Hen	火雞	"	60	61	45	" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	17	10	12	Snipe	沙山鴉	each	30	—	—	" Hump, Salt	牛腰	"	—	20	18
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	75	60	60	Pheasant	山鴉	pair	—	—	—	" Feet	牛腳	each	12	10	12
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	"	—	60	—	Quail	山鴉	each	—	—	—	" Kidneys	牛腎	"	15	10	12
" Head	牛頭	"	\$1.20	—	\$1.20	Partridges	山鴉	"	—	—	—	" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14							" Tripe	牛肚	"	8	6	7
" Hump, Salt	牛腰	"	—	20	18							Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭腳	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00
" Feet	牛腳	each	12	10	12							Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	44	26	—
" Kidneys	牛腎	"	15	10	12							" Leg	羊腿	"	44	26	—
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14							" Shoulder	羊肩	"	40	24	—
" Tripe	牛肚	"	8	6	7							" Saddle	羊鞍	"	44	—	—
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭腳	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00							Pig's Chittlings	豬雜	Per set	3	—	—
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	44	26	—							" Brains	豬腦	lb.	18	15	—
" Leg	羊腿	"	44	26	—							" Feet	豬腳	"	30	15	18
" Shoulder	羊肩	"	40	24	—							" Fry	豬油	"	20	20	—
" Saddle	羊鞍	"	44	—	—							" Head	豬頭	each	18	10	10
Pig's Chittlings	豬雜	Per set	3	—	—							" Heart	豬心	"	15	10	8
" Brains	豬腦	lb.	18	15	—							" Kidneys	豬腎	lb.	48	30	24
" Feet	豬腳	"	30	15	18							" Liver	豬肝	"	40	25	23
" Fry	豬油	"	20	20	—							Pork Chop	豬排	"	42	—	—
" Head	豬頭	each	18	10	10							" Leg	豬腿	"	45	60	70
" Heart	豬心	"	15	10	8							" Loin	豬腰	"	36	21	—
" Kidneys	豬腎	lb.	48	30	24							" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	60	60	70
" Liver	豬肝	"	40	25	23							Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	12	8	7
Pork Chop	豬排	"	42	—	—							" Heart	羊心	"	15	12	10
" Leg	豬腿	"	45	60	70							" Kidneys	羊腎	"	45	26	25
" Loin	豬腰	"	36	21	—							" Liver	羊肝	"	25	25	23
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	60	60	70							Sticking Pig, to order	豬	lb.	30	20	18
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	12	8	7							Suet, Beef	牛油	"	36	26	26
" Heart	羊心	"	15	12	10							" Mutton	牛油	"	23	20	20
" Kidneys	羊腎	"	45	26	25							Veal	牛	"	28	—	—
" Liver	羊肝	"	25	25	23							" Sausages	牛	"	32	—	—
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Suet, Beef	牛油	"	36	26	26												
" Mutton	牛油	"	23	20	20												
Veal	牛	"	28	—	—												
" Sausages	牛	"	32	—	—												
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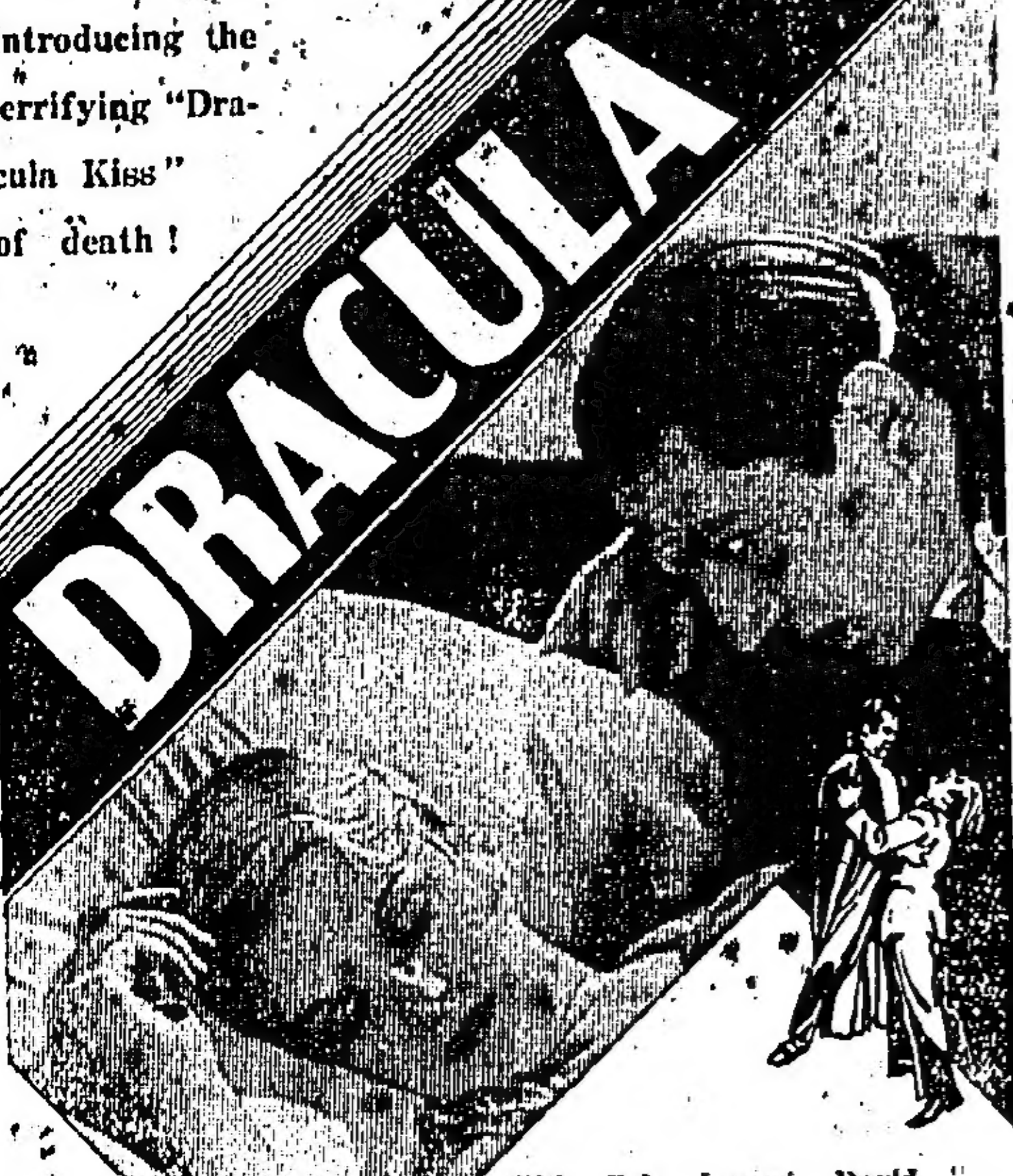
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## H. K. AMUSEMENTS MEETING.

Review of Successful  
Year.

"PUMA FILMS."

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., was held in the Queen's Theatre at noon to-day, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. M. Noronha. He was supported by the following Directors—Messrs. J. Harrop, J. S. Gubbay, Li Tse-fong, Lo Shun-wan, and Lo Kan. Others present were Mr. C. S. Rossetti (Secretary), and the following shareholders—Messrs. Chan Kwan-shu, Ho Ki, J. E. Noronha, Chan Shau-nam, B. A. Proulx, Yue Kai-mee, Wong Chung-lam, and James T. Chong.

The chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—  
Once again I am privileged to address you owing to the absence from the Colony of your Chairman, Mr. Backhouse.

The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors' report, having been in your hands for a clear week, I will follow the usual custom and take them as read. Before proposing the adoption of these accounts, I will say a few words in explanation of what may be considered as a satisfactory result of the year's working.

Our profit for the period under review amounts to \$111,638.10, as against \$116,331.61 for the previous year. The slight reduction of \$4,693.51 is more than accounted for by the increase of \$2,803.18 in the amount passed for depreciation and an extraordinary expenditure of \$5,083.73 to meet legal and accounting costs in connection with the reorganisation and increase of capital. After providing for the legal reserve of 5 per cent., your Directors recommend the placing of \$40,000 to General Reserve, increasing this account thereby to \$220,000 from which must be deducted the sum of \$40,000 transferred to capital according to your resolutions in connection with the reorganisation of the capital of the Company. After allowing for these provisions your Directors propose, for your approval, a bonus to staff on the same scale as on previous years in recognition of their faithful and arduous services. This amounts to \$8,000.

"Competition."  
As an added proof that "competition is the life of trade" your Directors have pleasure to recommend a dividend of \$2 plus a bonus of 50 cents per share, pro rata for the 1931 issue, leaving a balance of \$44,183.01 to be carried forward to the credit of the next account. This is the fifth year in succession that your Company has paid a dividend of 20 per cent. on its capital not counting the bonus of 5 per cent. paid during the last three years, and your Directors see no reason why this satisfactory return to shareholders should not be maintained.

Turning now to the balance sheet you will first of all observe that in accordance with the resolutions mentioned therein the authorised capital of the Company was increased to \$1,000,000,

of which \$480,000 was issued up to March 31, 1931. Since then 26,000 additional shares were issued in May last bringing the paid-up capital to \$740,000, and leaving 26,000 shares to be issued at the discretion of the Directors as provided by the above-mentioned resolutions. As already mentioned, our various reserves total \$182,225.96, to which must be added a further \$45,581.91 now being appropriated. Sundry creditors amount to \$330,837.26 and these practically all represent accounts for films.

### New Film Venture.

With regard to the items under films and investments it might perhaps interest you to learn that owing to the rapid and important increase in the film business in Hong Kong and China it has been found desirable for a new Company to be formed to finance and handle the supply of films throughout China. Realising the vital bearing the film business has on our working and after months of serious consideration your Directors decided to participate in the formation of this Company which has been incorporated under the name of Puma Films, Limited, have taken over a large part of our stock which is represented by capital investment. This Company will eventually take over our entire stock of films and their activities will extend throughout China as film distributors, the entire business of which is controlled by Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd. This briefly explains the large increase under the heading "Investments."

The formation of this Company relieves us of the heavy responsibility of financing the cost of films and permits us to employ our resources in the acquisition and building of theatres where we think profitable.

With these remarks I propose that the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the 12 months ended March 31, 1931, be adopted, and after this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions shareholders might wish to put.

In seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Ho Ki said:—

It is easy for any shareholder to say that he seconds a report like this with pleasure — a report that, taken all and all, is the best in the short history of the Company for it shows a very stable position under present conditions in this part of the world. That is a record of which our Directors may justly feel proud and on which we should congratulate them and their staff as heartily as we congratulate ourselves. I beg to second the motion from the chair.

Carried unanimously.  
With regard to the re-election of Directors, Mr. J. S. Gubbay informed the meeting that he did not propose to stand for re-election. Mr. Ma Tsui-chiu was unanimously re-elected a Director for the ensuing year on the proposal of Mr. Li Tse-fong, seconded by Mr. Lo Shun-wan.

On the proposal of Mr. J. E. Noronha, seconded by Mr. A. B. Proulx, Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$750.

## MOVED TO TEARS.

Dr. Sze Expresses  
China's Gratitude.

CHINA FLOODS.

Geneva, Yesterday.  
Moved almost to tears Dr. Alfred Sze expressed on behalf of China her gratitude at a Council meeting for the League's and other countries' assistance for their help in combating epidemics resulting from the floods in China.  
The Council gratefully noted the offer of Paraguay to receive some thousands of refugees of German origin from China.—Reuter.

## KINGSFORD - SMITH'S BAD LUCK.

Encounters Severe  
Sandstorms.

FORCED TO SHELTER?

Basra, Yesterday.  
Kingsford-Smith is believed to have encountered a heavy sandstorm and is expected to have landed at Shaiba.—Reuter.

Well on His Way.

Bushire, Yesterday.  
Kingsford-Smith departed at 10 a.m. and hope to arrive at Aleppo at 10 p.m.—Reuter.

## PYJAMA GIRL PROTEST.

Bathing Belles Who  
Ride Pillion.

A VICAR'S VIEWS.

"We have no fixed prejudice against women wearing pyjamas as long as they wear them in the right place, which is in bed," writes the Rev. W. Marshall Selwyn, the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bournemouth, in a letter in the September Parish Magazine.

"We can, perhaps, with a very great stretch of forbearance, stand them on the beach, because we need not go there, but we cannot stand them in our roads, shops, and arenas."

"In Christian and civilised countries trousers are man's prerogative. Some men look quite nice in them, but women look unutterably foolish, self-conscious, and ugly, and as we protest against them, so we more strongly protest against girls, clad only in very attenuated bathing clothes, riding on pillion of motor-bicycles. We think it is frankly indecent, and yet it is a very common sight in Bournemouth."

"We used to think that there were laws or by-laws against this sort of thing, but apparently the only laws that forbade it were the laws of decency, and these laws are now a back number altogether—anyhow in Bournemouth during the month of August."

Police in Mexico City have been ordered to gather in persons from the streets who "look as though they need it" and take them to public bath houses to be washed.

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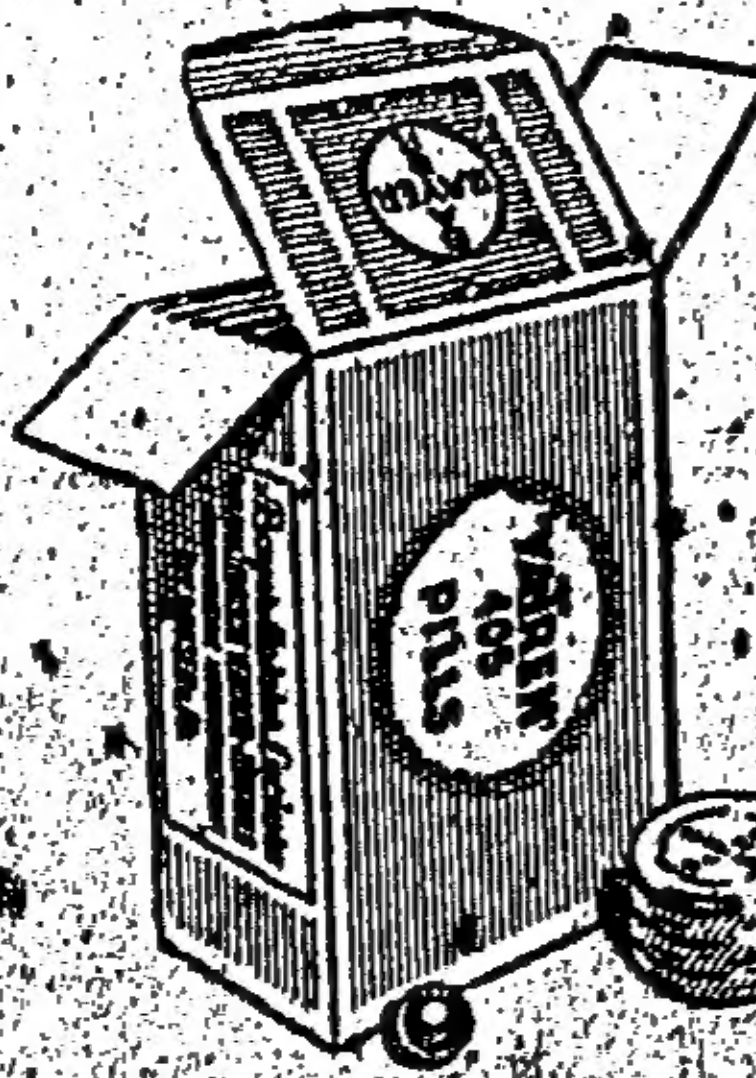


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